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**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**New York State Police Interview of  
Gene Palmer**

1 [START Plamer\_06-24-15\_Pt2]

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Where was the  
3 motorcycle club that he played at?

4 CORRECTIONS OFFICER GENE PALMER: And there  
5 was two clubs that we had played at. Okay. Let  
6 me think about that now how that, where his club  
7 is. Its' a big outfit that we went to and--I'm  
8 not sure where. I think maybe one was in

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. They're [REDACTED] [REDACTED], I know  
10 that. They weren't in [REDACTED] or--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What's  
12 the name of the clubs?

13 CO PALMER: That I don't recall.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was it at a biker  
15 bar?

16 CO PALMER: The bikers.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bikers.

18 CO PALMER: Okay. What the hell is her  
19 name? She's a little bit blonde. She's got the  
20 white tail, to tell you the truth. But they  
21 paid us, that was what was important. You'd  
22 have to run the names by me and I could--

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] In the  
24 Adirondacks?

25 CO PALMER: Oh, maybe [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Is

1       that it?

2       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oh, okay. Yeah,  
3 we'll go with it.

4       CO PALMER: It's not - -, but it's [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

6       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is that,  
7 is that him? Is that him? Does it look like  
8 him?

9       CO PALMER: Yeah, that's the guy.

10      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

11      CO PALMER: That's him right there. So can  
12 I get, get one right now?

13      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Absolutely.

14      CO PALMER: Can I get this right here?

15      Okay.

16      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How do you know

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

18      CO PALMER: Well, the way I met him is he  
19 was hired as a truck driver for the jail and he  
20 drove a, a truck for the jail. And he--but I  
21 didn't really know him until we had played the,  
22 the biker party and that's how I got to know  
23 him. I didn't really--

24      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] He  
25 looks like [REDACTED] and he drives a truck for the

1 jail?

2 CO PALMER: Well, see--yeah. You're right  
3 about that. Yeah. Certainly there's a lot of  
4 laxer dress code for the civilians than it is  
5 for the officers.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So he's a  
7 civilian truck driver. When did he become a  
8 civilian truck driver?

9 CO PALMER: About I'd have to say two years  
10 ago maybe.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Two years ago?

12 CO PALMER: Yes, about that. I'm guessing  
13 at that.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know this is really  
15 serious right now, but do you know what the  
16 shocker is?

17 CO PALMER: No.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You never heard of that phrase  
19 before? What color is that ice cream?

20 CO PALMER: Yeah. Yeah.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You don't find that funny just  
22 for a little bit of levity?

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, you've got to  
24 show it to him. Right. He's calling me. Make  
25 him laugh.

1           ████████ ██████████ He probably doesn't know. To  
2 pink is a pink.

3           CO PALMER: I don't know. I don't  
4 understand that.

5           ████████████████████ ██████████ Well, I'm glad.

6           ████████ ██████████ Anyway.

7           ████████████████████ ██████████ Let's just put this  
8 in the only other one, thank you.

9           CO PALMER: Yeah.

10          ████████████████████ ██████████ I just want to be  
11 clear, be clear, I didn't get it. All right.  
12 How do you know him now? 'Cause I'm sure  
13 there's a lot of truck drivers. I mean, you  
14 said you played, but does that have some--

15          CO PALMER: [Interposing] Probably from the  
16 jail, because he is a truck, when he would drive  
17 the truck he would make deliveries to the  
18 industry. And, of course, I work in industry,  
19 so I would see him and then he would have  
20 minimum conversation at first. When I first met  
21 him, I found him to be kind of on the odd side.

22          ████████ ██████████ Yeah. Because it all broke  
23 with him getting arrested a few days after the  
24 prison break.

25          ████████████████████ ██████████ Okay. Now, were you

1 guys friends?

2 CO PALMER: No.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Enemies?

4 CO PALMER: No.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Did he  
6 remember you from playing his gigs?

7 CO PALMER: Yes, yes.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And who's in your  
9 band, again?

10 CO PALMER: Well, that's going to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

13 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who? [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 CO PALMER: Yes.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CO PALMER: [REDACTED] I believe.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 CO PALMER: Yes.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And who's the second  
23 one? The second [REDACTED]

24 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And how are you

1 spelling [REDACTED] on that?

2 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Can you give me one second?

4 Just give me a second.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Let's keep on going  
6 with that. You said you met him two years ago?

7 CO PALMER: I believe so. 'Cause we only  
8 played that party once, I believe.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

10 CO PALMER: There was one time, it was a two  
11 nighter.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And how often  
13 would you see him? Well, how often would he  
14 make deliveries to the jail?

15 CO PALMER: Well, he, I could say I probably  
16 saw him at least twice a week. I'd see him pull  
17 him. Provided, we didn't always have, we didn't  
18 actually have very many conversations about  
19 that.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And he made  
21 deliveries for industry?

22 CO PALMER: Yes.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what, what,  
24 what, in substance, what did he deliver?

25 CO PALMER: Maybe fabric.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Are you sure, you  
2 don't know, or possible?

3           CO PALMER: Well, I, we have big tractor  
4 trailers that we bring in. Oh, no. He would  
5 unload machines, sewing machines. That's what  
6 it was.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He, he drives, he,  
8 he unloads sewing machines twice a week?

9           CO PALMER: Well, his deliveries--I mean, he  
10 could have made deliveries every day, but see I  
11 wasn't always outside.

12          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

13          CO PALMER: The only time I saw him is if I  
14 would have been outside.

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

16          CO PALMER: But I didn't really stay  
17 outside. I always went inside the building.

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. But you  
19 would see him twice a week approximately?

20          CO PALMER: Yeah. I, I would say that. I  
21 mean, not in a verbal conversation, but I would  
22 see him from a distance or walking by and just  
23 say hello when we have his yard, yeah. I guess  
24 that it--

25          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] And



1     you believe that he'd leave the sewing  
2     machines?

3             CO PALMER:  Yes.  I, I recall him unloading  
4     sewing machines.  He would unload the sewing  
5     machines.

6             [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Do you know where  
7     the sewing machines originated?

8             CO PALMER:  They would come from the  
9     storeroom, which is outside the facility.  Yes,  
10    outside.  There's two large core craft buildings  
11    next to the annex.

12            [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Is he by himself  
13    when he makes those deliveries?

14            CO PALMER:  Yes, yes.

15            [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Any inmates assist  
16    with any of the items?

17            CO PALMER:  He didn't touch any of the  
18    equipment.

19            [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   And, and where do  
20    they, when they take them off the truck, where  
21    do they bring them in?

22            CO PALMER:  They bring them into the  
23    stockroom is what they bring them into.

24            [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   And where is the  
25    stockroom located?

1 CO PALMER: The loading dock is what's  
2 that considered.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Whereabouts is that  
4 loading dock?

5 CO PALMER: Thank you. Well, you had--

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] So you  
7 had those, the, the eight shops, right?

8 CO PALMER: Seven and eight.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

10 CO PALMER: And you've got tailor six and  
11 you've got the loading dock, which is the school  
12 part. And then you've got life wood tower and  
13 then you've got tailor four.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

15 CO PALMER: So you'd have five.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm sorry, what's the tailor  
17 one, two, three, four mean? Is that, like,  
18 different stories? So I know.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Compartments.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But it's not, like, on  
21 different floors is it?

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Go ahead and explain  
23 to him.

24 CO PALMER: Well, there would be. Most of  
25 them it goes four, tailor four, tailor five,

1 stockroom, tailor six, tailor seven, and  
2 tailor eight. Those are on the floor. And then  
3 tailor one, two, and three and nine are on the  
4 second floor.

5 [REDACTED] Okay.

6 [REDACTED] But if he's  
7 bringing, say, sewing machines, for example, to  
8 tailor shop one?

9 CO PALMER: No, you wouldn't do it that way.

10 [REDACTED] He brings it to one  
11 storage facility?

12 CO PALMER: You would bring it to a loading  
13 dock and then from the loading dock they put it  
14 in elevators and then those elevators would go  
15 up to the next floor and then they would move  
16 them that way.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. So, so his  
18 job is he goes outside of the facility--

19 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes.

20 [REDACTED] --gets the products  
21 he's going to bring into inside the facility.

22 CO PALMER: Yes.

23 [REDACTED] And he goes to the  
24 loading docks?

25 CO PALMER: Yes.

1                   ██████████ ██████████: And you saw him  
2 approximately two times a week?

3           CO PALMER: Oh, that I would think--

4           ██████████ ██████████ [Interposing]  
5 Sometimes you would have limited conversations,  
6 sometimes you would just see him?

7           CO PALMER: Most of them were just limited  
8 like, oh, you know, where are you guys playing  
9 this weekend or what songs and that would be  
10 about the extent of the conversations. I didn't  
11 even know his first name.

12           ██████████ ██████████ Did you, did you  
13 ever see him interacting with anyone else, like  
14 especially Tilly?

15           CO PALMER: No. Because Tilly is in tailor  
16 one and she wouldn't be down by the loading  
17 dock.

18           ██████████ ██████████ Okay.

19           CO PALMER: She wouldn't be able to leave  
20 her shop. She couldn't leave her shop.

21           ██████████ ██████████ Do you think she knew--

22           CO PALMER: [Interposing] Although that,  
23 although that doesn't mean that that didn't take  
24 place. You'd have to refer to the officer in  
25 the shop from whether she left the shop or not.

1           ████████ ██████████ But did she know him?

2           CO PALMER: I don't know about their  
3 relationship, if she knew him or not.

4           ████████ ██████████ Okay.

5           ████████████████████ ████████████████████ Going back to the  
6 products that they delivered, you said sewing  
7 machines. Would there be anything else?  
8 Because I kind of think that's a lot of sewing  
9 machines to bring twice a week. Are they  
10 breaking down?

11          CO PALMER: No. But--well, yeah. Machines  
12 or, or--well, what happened, I think he made  
13 trips to Malone or Bear Hill. He may have  
14 transported sewing machines to there, too,  
15 because they have a, a sewing, a shop up there  
16 also.

17          ████████████████████ ████████████████████ Yeah. But one  
18 really has nothing to do with the other. I  
19 mean, did, did Matt ever have a conversation  
20 with you about ██████████?

21          CO PALMER: No.

22          ████████████████████ ████████████████████ Never?

23          CO PALMER: No.

24          ████████████████████ ████████████████████ What about Tilley?

25          CO PALMER: Matt and Tilley?

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: No, no. Tilley  
2 about [REDACTED].

3 CO PALMER: No.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Any conversation at  
5 all?

6 CO PALMER: No.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] About that?

8 CO PALMER: Not--no.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You ever see them  
10 together talking?

11 CO PALMER: No.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Never?

13 CO PALMER: No. 'Cause like I said, she was  
14 in tailor one and she can't technically,  
15 technically she could leave the shop.  
16 Physically she could, I guess, but that was  
17 uncommon and doesn't, all of the ladies stay  
18 with their shops for the whole period with the  
19 officer.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Unless they have to  
21 go grab a new sewing machine?

22 CO PALMER: Yes. Unless they went to the  
23 bathroom or--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What  
25 happens in a case like that? When a female, one

1 of the employees has to go to the bathroom and  
2 there's only one officer in a shop, right?

3 CO PALMER: Yes.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What happens?

5 CO PALMER: What happens there is most of  
6 the shops have an employee bathroom all ready in  
7 there.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

9 CO PALMER: So she would stay on the floor  
10 or whichever shop you're dealing with would stay  
11 on the floor. Although they did have employee  
12 bathrooms downstairs, but there, Tilley  
13 wouldn't. 'Cause if she left her shop to come  
14 all the way down to that loading dock, it's very  
15 feasible that Scott Shultz or Vicky Stafford  
16 would have seen her.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

18 CO PALMER: And then that would have  
19 brought, they would have questioned her why she  
20 had left her shop.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The only reason--

22 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes. Unless she  
23 went--now, I take that back. Now, we do have  
24 two employee bathrooms that are in better  
25 quality shape for that.

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: So they all okay--  
2 yeah. I get it.

3 CO PALMER: And that's by the main office.  
4 That's where the main office is for the industry  
5 is.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So let me ask you  
7 this. So after the escape happened--

8 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --since that time,  
10 have you had any communication with [REDACTED] at all?

11 CO PALMER: No. I, I don't recall. No,  
12 because when that escape happened I had been on  
13 vacation June 1<sup>st</sup>, so I was on vacation June 1<sup>st</sup>  
14 and then I came back Saturday and then I was  
15 still on vacation and then they locked me out.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you never had any  
17 conversation whatsoever with [REDACTED] about the  
18 escape?

19 CO PALMER: No, no, no.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

21 CO PALMER: No.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Now, just, just to  
23 sort of refresh my recollection. Your vacation  
24 pick, is that constant every year?

25 CO PALMER: Yes. You get a, you get a, a



1 vacation letter and you're stuck with that for  
2 the, you can bid off and bid another vacation  
3 period if you'd like.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

5 CO PALMER: But you've got to have seniority  
6 at the, you know.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Has, has this slot  
8 been the same slot you've taken for the last two  
9 years?

10 CO PALMER: I believe I, I've had that slot  
11 pretty much since I started in Clinton.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Fair enough.

13 CO PALMER: And there's, like, those that  
14 are at Letter H I think. Well, there's A, B, C,  
15 D, E, F, G, H, I. I think it went all the way  
16 to I.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Basically what  
18 we're, what we're getting to, excuse me, what  
19 we're getting to is that because of, because of  
20 the investigation--

21 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Mm-hmm.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We want to know if  
23 he had anything to do with the escape. If you  
24 heard any rumors or--

25 CO PALMER: [Interposing] That I didn't hear

1 anything.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --if you've got any  
3 knowledge, 'cause he's a pretty big guy.

4 CO PALMER: No, I haven't.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He's probably in the--

6 CO PALMER: [Interposing] I, I don't know.  
7 I would think they would.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, communications  
9 among bike gangs are absolutely fantastic, so--

10 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Okay. But, no, he  
11 never spoke with Matt and Matt never spoke to  
12 him.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you want way more of the  
15 story than that if it's, if he's involved in  
16 that.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. We want to  
18 listen--

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] With his wife  
20 and his daughter. That sounds a little unreal.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We're trying to  
22 exhaust every lead and connect the dots, so we  
23 can find the answers. I mean, that's our job  
24 and that's what we intend to do. He just said  
25 he had no communication after, after the escape

1 with [REDACTED] What was the last time you  
2 spoke to him before that? That you can recall.

3 CO PALMER: Well, I had that week off  
4 before. That would be, I would be drawing at  
5 straws there.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

7 CO PALMER: Yeah. I heard about that  
8 yesterday.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What?

10 CO PALMER: That all there.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No phone calls  
13 between you two?

14 CO PALMER: Oh, no.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Let me ask  
16 you something. Now we get a little personal,  
17 but that's what we do sometimes. Like I said, I  
18 call it straight out. June 19<sup>th</sup>, a day before I  
19 meet you, okay. You've got a bank?

20 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], right? In  
22 [REDACTED], right? That's the branch you use?

23 CO PALMER: Yes.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They paid you \$6,000.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Paid you 6,000.

1 Okay.

2 CO PALMER: I took out money.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Knew right where--

4 [Crosstalk]

5 CO PALMER: --\$9,900.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He thought he was going to get-

7 -

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing]

9 \$9,900?

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Which is fine.

12 That's your money.

13 CO PALMER: Yes.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Nine-nine. Wow.

15 CO PALMER: You have no idea what else I do  
16 for a living.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know. I know.

18 He--no. TTR's are at that, okay. Don't worry  
19 about that. You're fine.

20 CO PALMER: I think it's, what, 10,000 or  
21 more or something.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 10,000 or more,  
23 yeah. It's currently--

24 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yeah.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --transmission

1 report.

2 CO PALMER: She said that, they said that  
3 they only had \$10,000 in the bank, so she  
4 couldn't give any more than that.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Because they  
6 don't--nobody really cares.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did she explain to you that  
8 the, if you did hit 10,000 you had to fill out  
9 additional information, do you recall?

10 CO PALMER: I don't recall that.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

12 CO PALMER: But she said that they only had  
13 \$10,000 in the bank in the safe.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So they, they  
15 only had--

16 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yeah.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. It had  
18 nothing to do with your account. You're telling  
19 me the whole bank only had \$10,000?

20 CO PALMER: On [REDACTED] [REDACTED], yes. That's  
21 why--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Wow.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's a small bank.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Wow. No kidding.

25 Remind me to never turn to a life of crime.

1 CO PALMER: We had to wait for the lady to  
2 come down from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to--

3 [REDACTED]: [Interposing] Yeah. You go  
4 to the one on [REDACTED] [REDACTED], not the one on  
5 [REDACTED].

6 [REDACTED]: You're giving the  
7 ideas, counsel.

8 [REDACTED]: He's not going to do that.  
9 He's a good guy.

10 [REDACTED]: I'm joking. Okay.  
11 On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, okay, you report fraudulent  
12 activity?

13 CO PALMER: Oh. Yes, I did. Because, see,  
14 once you took our phones or the state police  
15 took the phones, all of my pin numbers are on  
16 them phones and then when I realized information  
17 from that phone was showing up on TV and online  
18 I was, I was very concerned, so I called them up  
19 and I had my two accounts blocked, because I  
20 have two--well, I have two cards. One card is  
21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I that has a whole \$19 in it  
22 and then the other card has a checking and a  
23 savings account and I had that card blocked  
24 also.

25 [REDACTED]: This is the paranoia setting in

1 I think.

2 CO PALMER: That's fine.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm sure. You don't  
4 want to go--

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] That's a good  
6 idea. I wouldn't think that.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If you--

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] But looking  
9 back on it now, I mean, with the, with the  
10 question, I thought that it would look kind of  
11 that he, I was surprised you didn't ask him  
12 about that last time.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Reports are slow.  
14 We always get there, but sometimes the reports  
15 are a little slow.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You guys have a lot of  
17 investigating to do. I'm not saying it was not--  
18 -

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.  
20 You took 6,000?

21 CO PALMER: No. I took 9--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You  
23 took 6--let me finish. I've got, I've got the  
24 99. All right. You took 6,000 and paid [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED] with it, right?

1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what did you do  
3 with the other 3,900? That's a lot of money to  
4 be--

5 CO PALMER: [Interposing] That \$3,900, that  
6 should be in the dresser at the house.

7 [REDACTED] Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oh, next question.  
10 Thank you.

11 CO PALMER: Bail money if I was arrested.  
12 We needed to have access to liquid money.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'll tell you  
15 something. When you're relaxed.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm really good right now.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Obviously, you're a  
18 thinker. Really. You think step by step by  
19 step by step.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He was not in a good spot the  
21 first time we were in here. It was very nerve-  
22 wracking.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, he's in the  
24 same spot he's in now. It's just his  
25 perception. He's a little more trusting right



1 now. Your perception is different.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. But I think that he felt  
3 like he was going to be going to jail that day.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Why would you  
5 think that?

6 CO PALMER: Well, because those guys walked  
7 on my gallery.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

9 CO PALMER: And there was the paintings.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you didn't know what to  
11 do. We had the discussion before that we had  
12 thought that they were going to look for  
13 somebody to pin this on.

14 CO PALMER: That's why I brought up all of  
15 that.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So it didn't look bad.

17 CO PALMER: And I was sitting there--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You know,  
19 there's a little bit of a conspiracy theory  
20 here. I told him to tone it down a little bit.

21 CO PALMER: I'll try.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You know, we've got  
23 a little saying. Okay. It's a little off  
24 topic. I'll make it quick. You could do a lot  
25 of cop talks. It's probably the most dangerous

1        thing we do 'cause we never know what we're  
2        going up to.

3                CO PALMER:    Yes.

4        [REDACTED]    [REDACTED]    Each one can result  
5        in a shootout or a death.

6                CO PALMER:    Yes, I can see that.

7        [REDACTED]    [REDACTED]    And I, I used to  
8        tell people a lot of times if you're going to  
9        worry that much to be that careful at every  
10       center, you're probably going to get jumped.  
11       You're probably going to die of stress.

12               CO PALMER:    Yes.

13       [REDACTED]    [REDACTED]    Smart moves.    Just  
14       as a person 'cause I like you.    Relax a little.  
15       Smell the roses.    Enjoy the life.    You're not  
16       sick.    God bless you.    You're going through a  
17       rough time right now and you know what that  
18       means, as long as you're healthy and you make  
19       the right decisions, you'll see some better  
20       times in the future.    Right?

21               CO PALMER:    Yes.

22       [REDACTED]    [REDACTED]    Okay.    I'm not  
23       Irish, but I hang out with Irish folk all the  
24       time.

25               [Crosstalk]

1           ████████ ██████ It's just made, don't ask.

2           ████ ██████ You're Italian, isn't it?

3           ████████████████ ██████████ Yeah. I said I hang  
4 out with Irish. Okay. I was just curious about  
5 that, 'cause it was a little--yeah. Something  
6 that now appears strange until you put it into a  
7 light that makes complete rational sense. Okay.  
8 I think you were asked about this before. You  
9 asked him about that, the, the state shop  
10 records?

11          ████████ ██████ Yeah. I think we briefly  
12 touched it last time and I think I said there  
13 was administrative records that are kept in the  
14 jail, correct? Where are the administrative  
15 records kept for each inmate?

16           CO PALMER: That's going to be upstairs with  
17 the secretaries on the second floor adjacent to  
18 the lieutenant's office.

19          ████████ ██████ Okay. Remember we, we, do you  
20 remember us vaguely chatting about that?

21           CO PALMER: Not really.

22          ████████ ██████ Not really, okay. So the  
23 question that, I think the question was asked  
24 did, did you ever access records there.

25           CO PALMER: No.

1 [REDACTED]: You're sure?

2 CO PALMER: Yes.

3 [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know anyone that  
4 has accessed records on behalf of Matt or, or  
5 Sweat?

6 CO PALMER: Not that I'm aware of, no. Not  
7 that I'm aware of.

8 [REDACTED]: You, have you ever  
9 taken records?

10 CO PALMER: No.

11 [REDACTED]: Do you know what records are  
12 kept there?

13 CO PALMER: No. Here's something that's  
14 going to come up here.

15 [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.  
6 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What, the  
11 guards?  
12 CO PALMER: No.  
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].  
14 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] On the dresser in  
22 your house?  
23 CO PALMER: Yes. And we were always  
24 concerned about that coming back, whether these  
25 people were going to come on the street and then

1 we'll have his people come up, because of the

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When did Mary have a  
4 conflict?

5 CO PALMER: Well, I'd have to say a year ago  
6 when all of that, all of that. And that was  
7 very eye awakening, because this--

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Sure  
9 it is.

10 CO PALMER: I can't think of the fellow's  
11 name, but--

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] But  
13 tak-, taking the state record. What, what is  
14 that?

15 CO PALMER: That's not. They just printed  
16 it out for us.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. But I mean,  
18 what, what does that do for you?

19 CO PALMER: Then we had, then we had  
20 knowledge of his names and--

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] So  
22 keeping it, what does it do for you?

23 CO PALMER: She wanted--I believe she kept,  
24 we kept it for just our records just, and the  
25 to/from was with it also.

1           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   So was it illegal or did  
2   you break the law by getting that or what?

3           CO PALMER:   I don't recall that would be  
4   breaking the law.

5           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Where's it at?

6           CO PALMER:   I'm pretty sure you guys  
7   confiscated it.

8           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Okay.

9           CO PALMER:   But that, we kept that for our  
10   own personal protection.   Whether that's a--

11          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   [Interposing] Okay.

12          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   But that's based on a complaint  
13   that Mary, Mary did?

14          CO PALMER:   Yes.   We, she wrote it.

15          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   And they, and they  
16   gave you a copy of that complaint or not  
17   necessarily?

18          CO PALMER:   No.   I believe they printed out,  
19   they printed out this guy's background for us.

20          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Okay.   Who, who, who  
21   did that for you?

22          CO PALMER:   That I don't recall how that  
23   printout was generated.

24          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Okay.

25          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Who gave it to you?

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And who gave that  
2 to you?

3           CO PALMER: That I don't know.

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, they gave it  
5 to Mary or you?

6           CO PALMER: It was given to Mary.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what, what time  
8 period, again, was that?

9           CO PALMER: Well, whatever that to/from date  
10 is. There should be a to/from for it. If there  
11 was a to/from and I think it was written on the  
12 back of it.

13          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. But someone  
14 printed out a, a, an administrative record and  
15 gave it to Mary and they were, were or not--were  
16 they supposed to do that or not allowed to do  
17 that, do you know?

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

20          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] At some point I'll let him  
21 answer that question, but--

22          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Sure.

23          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --are we going to get a list  
24 of what was taken from the house?

25          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Absolutely.



1 Absolutely.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Because we didn't get  
3 that.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Absolutely.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Everything in the house that  
6 was turned over. And I don't know what was  
7 taken yet and that's why we--

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I'm  
9 sure somebody got a receipt, okay.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I, I got a receipt, yes. I  
11 signed it for it, but it just said items  
12 returned. It didn't say. It was not a list of  
13 anything on it.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And that's why I'm being  
16 really cautious.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You will get that.  
18 Yes, you will get that.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. You're  
21 entitled to that.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. So going  
24 back there. So you, you received a copy from an  
25 inmate's file?

1 CO PALMER: That's just generated off the  
2 computer.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Off the computer.

4 CO PALMER: Yes.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Going back, do you  
6 ever--going back to the administrative records.  
7 Have you ever heard the term state shop record?

8 CO PALMER: No. That--no. Now, state shop  
9 is where you get clothing from.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Mm-hmm.

11 CO PALMER: That there you get all of your,  
12 whether it be sneakers, boots, or any clothing  
13 that the inmate would wear.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. And, and  
15 where, and they have separate records?

16 CO PALMER: Yes. They do, because that's in  
17 their office down there.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And where is that  
19 state shop located?

20 CO PALMER: That would be in the basement by  
21 tailor seven, eight, in the basement.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Now, what  
23 about records from the state shop? Did you ever  
24 access records for Matt and Sweat there?

25 CO PALMER: No.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you know of  
2 someone who, who could have?

3           CO PALMER: Well, what you have there--yeah.  
4 The lady that works in there.

5           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who is she?

6           CO PALMER: She just transferred or went to  
7 a, she went to a different job. I don't know if  
8 she left the jail or what. She doesn't work  
9 down there no more. But you have other inmates  
10 that do work down there. They do clerk work.

11          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So other inmates do  
12 clerk work?

13          CO PALMER: Oh, yeah. You would have at  
14 least probably three convicts down there that  
15 would have access to those, that file. Well, I  
16 don't know if they have, are supposed to have  
17 access, but all--

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] But you don't,  
19 you're not in charge of that, right?

20          CO PALMER: No.

21          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Please tell me no.

22          CO PALMER: I'm not in charge of that area.

23          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

24          CO PALMER: That's an area that I patrol,  
25 but I don't go in. That's a caged area and

1 that's locked all of the time. It's only the  
2 inmates inside there.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, and so those  
4 rec-, so the records we're talking about, do  
5 they have records you're familiar with there?

6 CO PALMER: Yeah. What that will be is if  
7 all you have to do is you look up the inmates  
8 and they--well, you look up the numbers is how  
9 it works and then that will describe every, what  
10 his sizes are, what--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.  
12 Are, are they manual files, physical files?

13 CO PALMER: It's manual files.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You look up his  
15 number and you open up the file?

16 CO PALMER: It'll say what size of boot he  
17 wears and when he got his last pair of boots  
18 too.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you access those records?

20 CO PALMER: Oh, no.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

22 CO PALMER: No.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sorry. I just wanted to--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] But  
25 have you, obviously, seen them before?

1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How, how have you  
3 seen them?

4 CO PALMER: Oh, in my past. When the, the  
5 years that I've had this job I have walked in  
6 there before, because I've had other past time  
7 where I've had inmates requests, say can I get a  
8 pair of boots or something like that or a pair  
9 of pants.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 CO PALMER: And then we speak to the lady  
12 and she's very conservative about issuing any  
13 of that, because we are always short.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But did you access the  
15 records?

16 CO PALMER: No. no.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So, so to look at a  
19 record to--I'm just trying to learn. To look in  
20 a record to say, no, we just gave you a pair of  
21 boots last week?

22 CO PALMER: Yes. And then what you'd have  
23 to do if, let's say, he damages property or he  
24 loses his clothing and to get new property you'd  
25 have to go in his cell and search his cell to be

1       sure that he's not lying.

2       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]       Mm-hmm.

3       CO PALMER:   And then once that's proved then  
4       you have to have a sergeant sign off on the,  
5       the, off on the request.

6       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   So but that state shop record,  
7       so is it accurate to say it's an inventory of  
8       what items are assigned to the inmate?

9       CO PALMER:   Each inmate, yes.

10      [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Such as boots.   What else would  
11      be on there?

12      CO PALMER:   Boots, socks, t-shirt,  
13      underwear.

14      [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   The whole--

15      CO PALMER:   [Interposing] And coat and hat.

16      [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Mm-hmm.

17      CO PALMER:   Any type of clothing that they  
18      need, they handle that down there.

19      [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Mm-hmm.   Okay.

20      [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   What do you guys  
21      call dukie, [REDACTED]?

22      CO PALMER:   Duke.   Pachuk?

23      [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Chapeau?

24      CO PALMER:   Yeah.   It's whole other language  
25      over there.   That's something that's called,

1 that's a little hate that you wear.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oh, a tube?

3 CO PALMER: Yeah.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A tube.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That's another French word

6 you learned today.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That means hat in French.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Once I learn, I'll

10 be bilingual. So let me ask you a question,

11 Gene. How, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Figured that out. Have you,

19 have you had any--I'm sorry.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Go ahead.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you know, do you know--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You're

23 right where I'm going. Let's get this out. You

24 know where I'm going.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you ever access any files

1 without permission or give files to inmates?

2 CO PALMER: No.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you know of it happening  
4 and not reporting it?

5 CO PALMER: No.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you have a conversation  
8 with Matt or Sweat about those records ever?

9 CO PALMER: No.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you have a conversation  
11 with Tilley about those records?

12 CO PALMER: No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Any other CO about those  
14 records?

15 CO PALMER: No.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. Let's  
17 get back to--I'm sorry, are you done with that?

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, no, go ahead. That  
19 section, yeah.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Let's get back to  
21 your locker. Remember the locker?

22 CO PALMER: Yes.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Day of the  
24 break in, later on that day--or break in.  
25 Escape. Actually, a break out.



1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Or the day after.

3 CO PALMER: Yes.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You believe it might  
5 have been the day of or later on.

6 CO PALMER: Yes.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. You, you  
8 tossed some items out.

9 CO PALMER: Yes.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Describe  
11 those items to me.

12 CO PALMER: That would be the alarm clock  
13 and one weapon, which was a toothbrush with a  
14 tin can on it.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Where did you get  
16 that? I mean--

17 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Well, the, the,  
18 the alarm, the clock was given to me by Tilley.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, and we have the  
20 clock. I'm sorry, I should have specified.

21 CO PALMER: Oh, okay.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, tell me. The  
23 weapon, where did you get that?

24 CO PALMER: Oh, what happened with the  
25 weapon was one of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED],

1 had come up to me in the block and said that

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] So that fellow had come

10 up and said there's going to be a weapon under

11 this kid's locker taped underneath it.

12 [REDACTED] Okay. Who is the

13 inmate that was being set up?

14 CO PALMER: Oh, boy. I'd have to think of

15 that for a little bit. I can't recall. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] So you went up with

19 or without [REDACTED]

20 CO PALMER: Oh, no. [REDACTED] was still in the

21 block.

22 [REDACTED] described it to

23 you. You go up--

24 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, no. [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] doesn't describe to me. The [REDACTED] comes

1 at me and goes this just happened and it's--

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Why do  
3 you call him [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

4 CO PALMER: 'Cause he's [REDACTED].

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. No. Is he  
6 just [REDACTED] or do they call him [REDACTED]?

7 CO PALMER: No, he's [REDACTED] and I don't  
8 know what his nickname was. His--it wouldn't be  
9 hard to discover that.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Why is he  
11 telling you this? Why isn't he minding his own  
12 business?

13 CO PALMER: Oh, because I've helped him out.  
14 I think, I don't know--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What's  
16 his nickname?

17 CO PALMER: Oh, I don't even know that. [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Did you ever  
20 take anything out of the box?

21 CO PALMER: Out of the box?

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. The weapons  
23 box, you know, where you throw all of the shanks  
24 and stuff.

25 CO PALMER: Oh, no. That's in the arsenal.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Have you  
2 ever taken anything back out?

3           CO PALMER: No.

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you ever give  
5 anything to Matt or Sweat?

6           CO PALMER: No.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. You've  
8 given them things all ready, so we're past that  
9 part. We just need to know--

10          CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, no weapons.  
11 No. Never.

12          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Any weapons at all  
13 that's going to hurt another CO, that's going to  
14 hurt another officer?

15          CO PALMER: No.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Nothing?

17          CO PALMER: No.

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You did--

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You're doing  
20 good, Gene. They're just asking what they need  
21 to ask you.

22          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. You did--and  
23 one thing that, that bothers me, and I do want  
24 to go back to it, and stop if me if you want. I  
25 don't want to, but I've got to say what I've got

1 to say.

2 [REDACTED] Yeah, I know.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When we discussed  
4 about the throwaway, why you had that toothbrush  
5 with the can.

6 CO PALMER: Yes.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And you said, oh,  
8 throwaway and you're, like, yeah. And you said,  
9 you know--I said, well, why, why would you keep  
10 it. And you stated that, you know, maybe  
11 another inmate could look at it if need be.  
12 Okay. I find it hard to believe that you never  
13 did that for Matt or Sweat.

14 CO PALMER: Oh, no. Never. Never.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you plan on  
16 keeping that in case Matt or Sweat ever came?

17 CO PALMER: No. I had planned on discarding  
18 it. I just never got around to it. It wasn't--

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You're  
20 sure?

21 CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I think he answered that.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. All right.  
24 Enough. Asked and answered. I gotcha. Okay.

25 CO PALMER: I'm sorry. I'm not--

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No,  
2 no, no. That's just--no.

3 CO PALMER: No.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, I mean, you  
5 might have. I asked you the same question  
6 again. I just--all right. I, I just have a  
7 problem with that, but okay. All right. We're  
8 past that. All right. All right. You know

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

12 CO PALMER: Yes, I know who he is.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're saying [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He's [REDACTED]?

18 CO PALMER: Yes, he's [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Can you tell  
20 me anything about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 CO PALMER: He got in trouble.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what was that  
24 for?

25 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] into

1 the facility.

2 [REDACTED]: What kind of [REDACTED]?

3 CO PALMER: I don't know if it was [REDACTED]  
4 or something like that. And he had got caught  
5 and they removed him from [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]: Okay. Anything  
7 happen? Were you asked to do anything for  
8 [REDACTED]?

9 CO PALMER: Yes, 'cause he was out of food  
10 and he didn't have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. So I  
11 brought him some [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to keep him up  
12 and running, so he wouldn't go crazy.

13 [REDACTED]: Did you do that out  
14 of your, the kindness of your heart or were you  
15 asked to do that by somebody?

16 CO PALMER: I was asked.

17 [REDACTED]: By who?

18 CO PALMER: Matt, a matter of fact.

19 [REDACTED]: Okay. How many  
20 times were you asked to bring him [REDACTED]

21 CO PALMER: I believe I did that twice for  
22 him.

23 [REDACTED]: Who else knew about  
24 it besides you and Matt?

25 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] would know about it, of

1 course.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who else?

3 CO PALMER: But I don't think anybody else  
4 knew about that.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was that from the commissary or  
6 from outside of the--

7 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Oh, it was inside.  
8 What they had done was they took commissary  
9 stuff that they had. They had roll weaves, not  
10 roll--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] So you didn't  
12 bring anything inside?

13 CO PALMER: Oh, no. Oh, no. Oh, no.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, why did Matt  
15 ask you for that favor?

16 CO PALMER: Well, now you bring that up,  
17 that's a good point. Seeing what had happened  
18 here, here's another thing. Because when Sweat  
19 lost his job, he was ahead in structure of the  
20 tailor shop. Each shop has a head, head  
21 instructor. And when Matt, when Sweat lost his  
22 job, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

24 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 And then he--



1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] [REDACTED] or the  
2 inmate?

3           CO PALMER: The inmate. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And then maybe

7 that's what that was about. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right. But why, why  
10 did Matt ask you?

11          CO PALMER: 'Cause he said he was starving  
12 and he didn't have no money or enough food.

13 Well, when I say money, he had no commissary  
14 money.

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Was it your  
16 understanding that Matt and he were friends?

17          CO PALMER: Yes, they were friends.

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

19          CO PALMER: I could see, I could see that  
20 they communicated together. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. Did Matt  
24 do anything for you?

25          CO PALMER: No.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

2           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You said because of the, did  
3 you do this because of your ongoing relationship  
4 with him? By that, I mean he would provide you  
5 information for the [background noise] or  
6 others?

7           CO PALMER: Yes.

8           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Anything else that  
9 stands in mind about Matt and [REDACTED]  
10 relationship that stands out in your mind?

11          CO PALMER: For a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], they  
12 were pretty tight. But that's not uncommon  
13 either, but generally you would, you know, you  
14 have your groups of sets that stay set.

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right.

16          CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] They were pretty tight though.

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, let me ask you  
20 that question. What, what was Matt's view on,  
21 on blacks in the jail?

22          CO PALMER: I can't say that he was really  
23 outright white racist about it. He didn't  
24 slander anybody.

25          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. But then

1 one time you told me that the black guy next  
2 guy to him he knew and didn't like him?

3 CO PALMER: Oh, yes. Well, that's what he  
4 said about that black guy.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right.

6 CO PALMER: And I said, well, now if you  
7 want, if you want, want this fellow moved, you  
8 go talk to him first and see if that's okay with  
9 you, 'cause if he don't want to move I'm not  
10 moving him.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right. So the  
12 question [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 CO PALMER: Yes.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And would you say,  
16 would you characterize him as generally not  
17 associating [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 CO PALMER: He was close to this guy and  
20 they, they had convers-, I could see that they  
21 would have conversations on the gallery when I  
22 would make my observations.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What he's asking though is--  
25 oh, I'm sorry if I'm, but I think what he's

1 asking is was Matt specifically, was it [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] or is it unusual in the jail for  
4 people to--

5 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Unusual in the  
6 jail, but those two were close and they both  
7 worked, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

10 CO PALMER: That's the thing there.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. That was,  
12 that was the original connection?

13 CO PALMER: Yes. That's how those, those  
14 three guys hooked up.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Now, you all  
16 ready stated quite truthfully that you allowed  
17 Sweat to gain access to areas that he shouldn't  
18 have. That being the catwalks. Okay. Two  
19 things he should have technically not, right. I  
20 mean, start all over, so I understand it.

21 CO PALMER: Yes.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. As far  
23 as the basement, you brought it up before, of  
24 the industry building. You get in through the  
25 basement how?

1 CO PALMER: Of the industry building?

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Industrial.

3 CO PALMER: Of the industrial building you  
4 have a basement where you just go down the  
5 stairs to get down there, because that  
6 originally TV repair, the TV repair was down  
7 there at one time. The state shop's down there.  
8 You've got [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And--

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] If, if  
10 you're bringing an inmate down there, you said  
11 inmates work in state records, right?

12 CO PALMER: Yes. In state shops, yes.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] State shop, right?

14 CO PALMER: Yes, yes. They work--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] And  
16 the state shop is the access to tailor seven or  
17 eight, correct?

18 CO PALMER: It's below there, yes.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Is it, that  
20 the only way into the basement?

21 CO PALMER: No. Because what will have,  
22 because tailor seven and eight you go downstairs  
23 that way.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

25 CO PALMER: tailor six you can go down that

1 way.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

3 CO PALMER: Let's see. That's, that's  
4 there. Then we get over to--

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Are  
6 there doors or you just walk right down? Locked  
7 doors?

8 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because you have  
10 officers down there also. And then you also  
11 have, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] Aside from--

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] The--  
14 go ahead.

15 CO PALMER: I believe that would be three.  
16 Three ways to gain access to the basement.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Now, to get down--  
18 when you're in the basement, to get from one  
19 part to the other, are there separation doors?  
20 You said there's the cages at the top, right?

21 CO PALMER: Yes.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. To get from,  
23 say, tailor eight to tailor one in the basement,  
24 are there locked doors?

25 CO PALMER: Yes, all of those doors are

1 locked.

2 [REDACTED]: Who has keys to  
3 them?

4 CO PALMER: All, all staff.

5 [REDACTED]: You have keys to  
6 them?

7 CO PALMER: Yes. That would be an [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

8 [REDACTED]: An [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

9 CO PALMER: That's a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm going to  
12 ask--

13 CO PALMER: [Interposing] You have to escort  
14 them.

15 [REDACTED]: I'm going to ask  
16 you--

17 [REDACTED]: [Interposing] Can I ask him a  
18 question first--

19 [REDACTED]: [Interposing] No.

20 [REDACTED]: --without you guys being  
21 present?

22 [REDACTED]: Sure, absolutely.  
23 We'll give you time to--

24 [REDACTED]: [Interposing] Yeah. Sorry.

25 [REDACTED]: No, no, no, no, no,

1 no. That's fine. Just give us a second,  
2 okay. We're not in a rush.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I, I want to know, I want to  
4 know the answer to it before you know the  
5 answer.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I don't blame you.  
7 I don't blame you. I'm just going to shut that  
8 off, okay.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

10 [OFF THE RECORD]

11 [ON THE RECORD]

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have to. That's  
13 right.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I might be able to.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So that's bothering him to  
17 talk about--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah,  
19 sure. Sure. Absolutely. Back to that  
20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that convicts name. That's  
21 what it was.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What did you want to talk  
23 about?

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Which one? In  
25 reference to what?



1           [REDACTED] is who?

2           CO PALMER: He was a [REDACTED] out  
3 of--

4           [REDACTED] [Interposing] Oh, the one  
5 that he was worried about.

6           [REDACTED] The, the one with  
7 Mary?

8           CO PALMER: Yes. [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]

12          [REDACTED] Okay.

13          CO PALMER: That's when Mary went back in  
14 the facility and wrote a to/from and it took up  
15 a little while before, but upstairs finally  
16 voted that guy out of there, because of the  
17 direct that was. I had to clarify.

18          [REDACTED] Well, what you wanted to talk  
19 to him about was the record that came out of the  
20 jail.

21          CO PALMER: Yes. I'm not sure if I had that  
22 in my coat or if it was in her coat.

23          [REDACTED] Okay.

24          [REDACTED] Or whose--

25          CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yeah.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So that's the  
2 record that came out of the jail?

3           CO PALMER: Yes.

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Information about  
5 that guy?

6           CO PALMER: Yes. Because we were very  
7 concerned about those people coming back and  
8 hunting us down.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Now, you know what,  
10 that, that--I mean, I, I can see that you guys  
11 have got to protect yourselves too. You know,  
12 I, I understand that. Okay. So that's--and his  
13 name is definitely [REDACTED] right?

14          CO PALMER: Yes, that's it now. That rings  
15 a bell.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. It's just  
17 we're going back to stuff. I, I've just got a  
18 question. With Tom Valet, Vallet--

19          CO PALMER: [Interposing] Thomas LaValley.

20          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LaValley?

21          CO PALMER: Yes.

22          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LaValley. Okay.  
23 Did your buddy know anything else about that? I  
24 mean, he usually comes up out of nowhere and  
25 says, hey, look, by the way, the warden has got

1 paint for you. I mean, good for you. Good  
2 for you. But, but how do you, how do you think  
3 of that? Who did he hear it from I'm wondering.  
4 You know, if it had to be something else.

5 CO PALMER: I don't know where he got that  
6 information.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Somebody had to have  
8 told him. Did, did he mention any benefit that  
9 was received?

10 CO PALMER: I think the way he described it  
11 was that, that he had said that he had inmate  
12 paintings in his house also.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] After this story broke or  
14 before?

15 CO PALMER: After the story broke.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Well, it was,  
17 it was there, correct. Okay. But what I'm  
18 asking you is that when he's telling you this  
19 story, when he's telling you this story, is he  
20 telling you anything else with this story? Is  
21 he stating--

22 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, that's it.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Like, did he paint  
24 the picture or somebody painted a pictured for  
25 the warden and I heard that the warden did this

1 for them?

2 CO PALMER: No.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Quid pro quo, you do  
4 this, I'll do that.

5 CO PALMER: No, I wasn't aware of that. He  
6 didn't say that.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He didn't say that?

8 CO PALMER: No.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

10 CO PALMER: As in the warden gave him  
11 something in return?

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes. Yes.

13 CO PALMER: No.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And this is [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 CO PALMER: [REDACTED].

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, and this website you  
19 described?

20 CO PALMER: I believe it was there was  
21 pictures on the website, the Clinton  
22 Correctional search and that it showed

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for some reason. I don't know  
24 why it would be Clinton Correctional search.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It would show [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■  
■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
3 CO PALMER: I don't know. He didn't, I  
4 don't, ■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ■  
■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Uh-huh.  
8 CO PALMER: I don't think he lived outside  
9 from that.  
10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So why, why would  
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] be on the internet?  
12 CO PALMER: That I don't know.  
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And then is it your  
14 understanding that the pictures were, like,  
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
■ [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
17 CO PALMER: I believe that was how that was  
18 described.  
19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Okay.  
20 CO PALMER: I, I think he's the one that  
21 told me that.  
22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Well, he has  
23 to--  
24 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes, two days ago.  
25 Yes.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Two days ago. So  
2 was I ton there?

3           CO PALMER: Yes, yes.

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 'Cause he's not.  
5 The, the one thing I don't want, okay, 'cause  
6 this whole incident, not your thing, this whole  
7 incident, the escape.

8           CO PALMER: Yes.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's a little too  
10 big to be worried about protecting our people.

11          CO PALMER: No.

12          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] People--

13          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] That's what I  
14 told him.

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] People are up to no  
16 good. Okay. If they're making these types of  
17 mistakes, they may be making other mistakes.

18          CO PALMER: Correct.

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Now, you all  
20 ready said, right, that you had no idea they  
21 were going to escape. Okay. You know what, I  
22 believe you. And then we talked about the  
23 different actions that took place.

24          CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

25          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And also

1       figured out unwittingly the way you  
2       contributed to them getting out. In other  
3       words, you didn't know it. You got, you got  
4       duped.

5             CO PALMER: Yes.

6       ██████████ ██████████ Happens to all of  
7       us, okay.

8       ██████ ██████ That fucking hamburger.

9       ██████████ ██████████ That being said,  
10       that being said, okay. If other people are not  
11       following proper procedure, okay, maybe they  
12       also either knowingly or unknowingly  
13       contributed.

14            CO PALMER: Yes.

15       ██████████ ██████████ Okay. So don't  
16       protect anybody at this point.

17       ████ ██████████ I told him not to.

18       ██████████ ██████████ Don't.

19            CO PALMER: No.

20       ██████████ ██████████ Who's here helping  
21       you?

22            CO PALMER: He is.

23       ██████████ ██████████ Yeah. Him? Okay.

24            CO PALMER: Yes.

25       ██████████ ██████████ All right. Who is

1 here helping you that's a corrections officer?

2 CO PALMER: Nobody.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Somebody's up  
4 to no good, even if it's something little.  
5 Better--and, and I don't care, again, as far as  
6 any administrative infractions. Better to get  
7 it all out and they correct their behavior than  
8 maybe two years down the road they wind up in a  
9 position where they get duped, you know. I  
10 mean, some rules need to be bent to get the job  
11 done, but other rules are there for a reason  
12 and, and we know that. Sometimes we know that a  
13 little too late, but we know it. So that being  
14 said, anything you have about any offices, okay,  
15 I need to know.

16 CO PALMER: Yeah.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And the only reason  
18 I'm saying this is you kind of came back and you  
19 said, oh, you know, I think it was him that told  
20 me about the warden, but it was two days ago.  
21 You're going to remember.

22 CO PALMER: Yes.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It is him then,  
24 right?

25 CO PALMER: Yes.



1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not to put words  
2 in your mouth. Not would have been, should have  
3 been. Okay. I understand that's the way you  
4 speak. It just makes me a little kind of--  
5 you're not breaking any code. This is way past  
6 that. Listen to your lawyer, okay.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12           CO PALMER: I'm pretty sure it was. Also,  
13 Mary had brought that to my attention too.

14           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mary also brought it  
15 to your attention?

16           CO PALMER: Yeah.

17           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mary Lamont?

18           CO PALMER: Yes. That to go to this website  
19 and you would see pictures.

20           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What kind of website? Like,  
21 who maintains it?

22           CO PALMER: That I don't know.

23           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

24           CO PALMER: I didn't look at that.

25           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And when did

1 she tell you this?

2 CO PALMER: Probably four days ago.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Back to the  
4 other thing we were talking about. Okay. Can  
5 you answer my question or no?

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You have to know the answer  
7 to it, yeah.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. All right.  
9 It's a lot easier. I just want the truth.  
10 That's what I want.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I mean--

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You  
13 know. And I, I do want the truth.

14 CO PALMER: Yes. You, you will receive the  
15 truth.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, he's not going to tell  
18 you the--

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] And I  
20 do have a benefit, okay, of, of DNA and a very  
21 good forensics team.

22 CO PALMER: Yes.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You know, I play for  
24 the New York Yankee's. Right here I have the  
25 St. Louis Cardinals, you know. In other words,

1       when, when we're going through the whole  
2       basement, there is no reason, okay, for Matt or  
3       Sweat's DNA to be down in that basement past,  
4       okay, the state shop?

5               CO PALMER:  No, there wouldn't be.

6               ██████████ ██████████    Okay.  No, I know  
7       that.  I, I know that from my investigation.  
8       What I'm asking you, okay, have you ever, okay,  
9       taken that █████ █████ █████ █████ █████ █████ █████

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12              CO PALMER:  No.  Not the basement.

13              ██████████ ██████████    What have you  
14       granted them access to?

15              CO PALMER:  No.  No, he wasn't.  No.  Now,  
16       on the weekends, we would go over and I would  
17       get cloth from the shops and bring the cloths  
18       back, so that they could clean the showers.

19              ██████████ ██████████    Okay.

20              CO PALMER:  Now--

21              ██████████ ██████████    [Interposing] Now,  
22       were you escorting him alone?

23              CO PALMER:  Oh, yes.  I was with those--

24              ██████████ ██████████    [Interposing] No.

25       Were you escorting him alone?

1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you had two  
3 inmates and you alone?

4 CO PALMER: Yes.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

6 CO PALMER: Well, not two inmates. At  
7 times, I would bring--'cause we have big bags.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Let's get  
9 back to, to, to Matt and Sweat.

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. On a  
12 weekend, you escort them to a tailor shop?

13 CO PALMER: Oh, no. No.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. That's why I  
15 want you to clarify.

16 CO PALMER: That's--no. Negative on that.  
17 At no time did we ever--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Go  
19 back to the story you were telling.

20 CO PALMER: But on the weekends we would go  
21 over and get spare cloths.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who's we?

23 CO PALMER: Myself and the porters--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.

25 CO PALMER: --in A Block and we would go

1 over and get huge, not huge bags, but bags  
2 like this big of white t-shirts that are spare  
3 cloths and they would use that to clean the  
4 cells or in the showers also.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Are those  
6 doors that lead from tailor up, tailor shop up  
7 to the basement tailor shop, are they locked on  
8 the weekends?

9 CO PALMER: Yes. All of them are.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have you ever given  
11 anybody your key?

12 CO PALMER: No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have you ever opened  
14 up, opened up those doors and let anybody into  
15 the basement either with you or without you?

16 CO PALMER: No.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 100 percent  
18 positive?

19 CO PALMER: Yes, I am. Yes.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When was the last  
21 time you were down through that basement all  
22 three doors?

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When was the last time or--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] When  
25 was the last time that, that he, that you were

1 down in that basement and, and through all  
2 three doors?

3 CO PALMER: That was a big part of my  
4 rounds.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Those would be your  
6 rounds?

7 CO PALMER: Yeah. 'Cause I'm, I'm in care  
8 of the whole--

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Matt  
10 and Sweat ever make rounds with you when you  
11 guys were both in or, or you give them a little  
12 freedom?

13 CO PALMER: No. No.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Like, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

16 CO PALMER: Yes.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

18 CO PALMER: Yes.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You ever bring Matt  
20 to see him?

21 CO PALMER: No. No.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No?

23 CO PALMER: No. You can't, you can't do  
24 that. You can't do that.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, you can't or

1       you're not supposed to?

2 CO PALMER: Oh, you can't, because you would  
3 be bringing another inmate to another block

4. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

5                    ██████████ ██████████ That's a big no-no,  
6        right?

7 CO PALMER: You just don't do that.

8           ██████████ ██████████ You just don't do  
9    it, okay.

10 CO PALMER: All right.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14                    [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No,  
15                    no, no. I, I know. You're doing your job.  
16                    That's fine. That's fine.

17           [REDACTED] I just wanted to take care of  
18   that.

19                   [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   That's fine.  That's  
20   fine.  I asked who your friends were?

21 CO PALMER: Yes.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Who are your  
23 friends? Who do you hang out with and where do  
24 you hang out when you're off work besides the--

25 CO PALMER: [Interposing] The only person

1       that I would ever hang out with would be [REDACTED]  
2       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and, I think--

3       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Anyone.

4       CO PALMER: The other people all retired,  
5       but I don't see them anymore. But [REDACTED] [REDACTED],  
6       'cause he worked in the law library.

7       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did?

8       CO PALMER: Yes, he did. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9       [REDACTED]  
10      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When did you first  
11      meet [REDACTED] When? We talked about that a  
12      little bit.

13      CO PALMER: I got to know him once I had  
14      this for eight year, 'cause he was all ready, [REDACTED]  
15      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
16      he had been in the block. So once I had been in  
17      the block, that's when our relationship grew.

18      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How many years ago would that,  
19      that have been?

20      CO PALMER: Eight.

21      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Eight years ago?

22      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And do you speak  
23      with him daily at work?

24      CO PALMER: Yes.

25      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And you socialize



1 with him outside of work?

2 CO PALMER: Not very often really.

3 [REDACTED]: Has he been to your  
4 house?

5 CO PALMER: I don't know.

6 [REDACTED]: Ever?

7 CO PALMER: Oh, yes, he's been to our house  
8 before.

9 [REDACTED]: Have you been to his  
10 house?

11 CO PALMER: Yes.

12 [REDACTED]: What, what other  
13 type of events have you socialized at?

14 CO PALMER: He had, what was that, his, they  
15 had a big party. I don't even remember what the  
16 party is for. A bunch of people were there.  
17 His parents were there. I met his parents, but  
18 I knew them. And pretty much, yeah, he had  
19 some--and we had been out to dinner before.

20 [REDACTED]: Is he, is he

21 [REDACTED]

22 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]: What's her first name?

4 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] Okay.

6 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 CO PALMER: That's how it's pronounced. The

9 spelling I'm not--

10 [REDACTED]: [Interposing] And

11 where's she from?

12 CO PALMER: Well, I think [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

14 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]: So not [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

18 CO PALMER: No.

19 [REDACTED]: She work in the

20 prison?

21 CO PALMER: Yes, she does as a matter of

22 fact. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] yeah.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What, where? Do you  
3 know?

4 CO PALMER: [REDACTED].

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 CO PALMER: I believe something like that,  
7 yeah. Yeah.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Does he here, does  
9 he do drugs?

10 CO PALMER: Not that I'm aware of.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How often do you  
12 socialize with him outside of work?

13 CO PALMER: Outside of work?

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

15 CO PALMER: Not that often.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No?

17 CO PALMER: No.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When you socialize  
19 with him, okay, again--

20 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --a question for him  
22 to skip right over it, besides going to each  
23 other's houses, everybody goes out once in a  
24 while. Where do you go? Where is your watering  
25 hole? Where is your--

1 CO PALMER: [Interposing] We went out to  
2 dinner once and that would have been Crickets.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In Peru?

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In Peru?

5 CO PALMER: Yeah. Peru, New York.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not in Livingood?

7 CO PALMER: Oh, Livingood, that's it. Yes,  
8 Livingood.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Livingoods?

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's in the same building  
12 that Crickets is in.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] See, you did know.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, yeah. No, yeah.

15 That's true, but I didn't know where he was  
16 talking about.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You go out with  
18 anybody else? Does he [REDACTED] [REDACTED]? Do you  
19 bring Mary?

20 CO PALMER: Oh, yes. The four of us went  
21 out.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Let's get to this  
23 text message. Do you have any questions?

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Officer, let's go on this  
25 first.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Can I talk to him about  
2 that first?

3           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] On the text message?

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I, I don't know anything  
5 about that.

6           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Detec-, absolutely.  
7 And, and, now you're going to talk to him  
8 whether you want to or not.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes.

10          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay

11          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

12          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And that's fine. I  
13 just want to let you know I brought it up last  
14 time--

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --in regard to  
17 Tilley, all right, Mitchell.

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What did it say?

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That's something--

20          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Oh, I'm sorry.

21          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Huh?

22          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Go ahead. No, no,  
23 go ahead.

24          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm sorry.

25               [Crosstalk]

1           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   So take a minute.

2           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Do you remember that?

3           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Do you want to take  
4 a break or that's good?

5           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Let's take a break.   Sorry,  
6 guys.

7           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   No, that's fine.

8           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Thank you.

9           [OFF THE RECORD]

10          [ON THE RECORD]

11          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Private area.

12          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Yes.

13          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Private area.   You  
14 don't want people hearing.   Even though--

15          [OFF THE RECORD]

16          [ON THE RECORD]

17          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   I think you--he  
18 comes down.   I think you heard a sound last  
19 time.

20          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Oh, yeah.

21          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   And it's also warm  
22 in here.   There's no air.   We have ventilation.

23          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Yeah.

24          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   But, you know, it's,  
25 it, it's better than most places when I do this.

1       Okay. Back to the text message. Do you guys  
2       recall what we were talking about? We talked  
3       about it last time. There was a text message  
4       sent.

5             CO PALMER: Yes.

6       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And that--

7       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] He has to  
8       recall that last time--

9       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --about an electric  
10      cut. And we said, we asked you about it and you  
11      said I don't recall sending a text message,  
12      right?

13            CO PALMER: About, about the cutters.

14      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. There was a  
15      text message that you sent to a CO, okay, about  
16      Mary putting an electric cutter into a, into a  
17      garbage pail and that pail winding up on a  
18      block.

19            CO PALMER: Oh, oh, oh, okay. That's what  
20      you're talking about. There you go. Okay.  
21      Now, what used to take place--

22      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I  
23      asked the same exact--go ahead. Go ahead.

24      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You didn't talk about the  
25      garbage can or anything.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah, I did.

2           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you?

3           CO PALMER: That's what triggered my memory.  
4           See, what happened every so often we actually,  
5           as I got to know Tilley, right, I don't know if  
6           it was six months prior before the escape, but  
7           then she started showing up in the block and  
8           she'd have these baked goods.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What do you mean in  
10          the block?

11          CO PALMER: Well, there's two ways to get to  
12          the tailor shop. You can either go through the  
13          wire gate, which is all outside. And if there  
14          was inclement weather, most everybody would walk  
15          through the jail.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay

17          CO PALMER: Then they would come out  
18          through.

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

20          CO PALMER: And what would happen was,  
21          'cause, like I said, we were planning on moving  
22          Matt, she always would come--not always. But it  
23          started becoming more regular and regular where  
24          she would have all these baked goods. Not a lot  
25          of them. And she would come, come up and say,



1     Gene, I've got some cookies. I'd have my milk  
2     and started going up and then she'd say, oh, you  
3     need a, whatever, come over and to the stop and  
4     see me and stuff. But, anyway, that was what  
5     that's about, what you're talking about, because  
6     what I, I think when I spoke to [REDACTED] was. But  
7     I don't remember that was in a form of text, but  
8     that possibly that when she went through the  
9     hallway that would, 'cause there's nobody in the  
10    hallway, we're all in the office, so you can't  
11    see out in the hallway and the garbage cans are  
12    right there on the hallway. And it was feasible  
13    that she possibly had, after the cookies or  
14    whatever, whatever, she walked, whether through  
15    and whether Lyle was with her or not, 'cause he  
16    wasn't always with her matter of fact when she  
17    gave me the cookies either. That possibly she  
18    had dropped them in that garbage can.

19       [REDACTED]   Possibly or you knew that she  
20    did?

21       CO PALMER: I didn't know that.

22       [REDACTED]   Okay.

23       [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Why would you  
24    speculate that?

25       CO PALMER: Because they started talking

1 about how, how they cut the back of those  
2 cells.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Well, why  
4 would you speculate that though? Is there,  
5 there's people caught doing that before?

6 CO PALMER: 'Cause we--no, but that's when  
7 we started thinking about how did this happen  
8 and how did they get those things. And I said,  
9 well, maybe there's more than one convict  
10 involved here, 'cause maybe she'd come through  
11 and after she did the cookies and then I walk  
12 back in the office, 'cause nobody else really  
13 got out.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Can I ask you  
15 something?

16 CO PALMER: Yeah

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Would you let her in  
18 the block?

19 CO PALMER: Oh, the front door's wide open.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] She'd walk right in  
21 the front door. Walk right into where they're  
22 all--

23 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Where we're  
24 sitting in the office, 'cause the door's wide  
25 open.

1           ██████████ ██████████: So, so the main,  
2 she could walk right in on the A Block where  
3 there's inmates and--

4           CO PALMER: [Interposing] Well, when, when  
5 you first walk in the door--

6           ██████████ ██████████ [Interposing] Yes.

7           CO PALMER: --the officer's right there and  
8 then all of the galleries are here.

9           ██████████ ██████████ Sure.

10          CO PALMER: And then she'd walk in, walk to  
11 the door and say, Gene, I've got the cookies or  
12 however she'd phrase it.

13          ██████████ ██████████ Mm-hmm.

14          CO PALMER: And then I'd eat her cookies and  
15 she'd say, oh, you need to come by the tailor  
16 room. Anyway, but then when we get--

17          ██████████ ██████████ [Interposing] Does  
18 she have access to the inmates there?

19          CO PALMER: No, no, no.

20          ██████████ ██████████ Okay. There's  
21 another door separating?

22          CO PALMER: Yeah. The convicts are still  
23 locked in, 'cause we have a dropped, so  
24 everybody is locked in. But the porters are  
25 still out though. When I say porters, 'cause in

1 the morning we would let out two or three  
2 porters and they'd start.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes. Was Sweat on  
4 that ever port?

5 CO PALMER: That, I don't know about that.  
6 The, the bottom was--

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.  
8 You know the guys. Were they porters?

9 CO PALMER: Oh, Matt and Sweat weren't  
10 porters.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

12 CO PALMER: They worked in a tailor shop.  
13 Yeah. But in their history of incarceration,  
14 they--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.  
16 I'm talking about here.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you know when you were  
18 their guard?

19 CO PALMER: No. When you say--say the  
20 question again. Can you say that question  
21 again? Okay.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] As long as you know  
23 them, have they ever been porters while in A  
24 Block?

25 CO PALMER: No.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have they ever  
2 been assigned porter duty?

3           CO PALMER: No. No. I'm pretty sure about  
4 that that they were never assigned porters, that  
5 job.

6           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Pretty sure or sure?

7           CO PALMER: I'm going to have to say sure,  
8 'cause they--yeah, no, they weren't.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right.

10          CO PALMER: No, they weren't.

11          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have you spoken to--  
12 since our last interview, have you spoken to  
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], I haven't tried.

14          CO PALMER: Via phone?

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] At all. At all.  
16 Any type of communication? Text, phone, in  
17 person.

18          CO PALMER: Well, that's no because the  
19 night that, the night that the house was  
20 searched and they took all of our cell phones we  
21 didn't know where to go and we didn't have any  
22 cell phones, so we went over to his house. It  
23 was, like, 2 o'clock in the morning.

24          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

25          CO PALMER: Yeah. And then he, and he had

1       said that the, the car was across the street  
2       walking, watching, watching his house, so we  
3       said, well, we're going to have to go to a, a,  
4       or go to a hotel alone. We didn't know where  
5       we--

6       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You went to the  
7       [REDACTED] that's where I met you.

8       CO PALMER: Okay, yes. And then so I got,  
9       I'm pretty sure I told him that we were going  
10      there.

11      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. I mean after  
12      our interview.

13      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] After we met last, on  
14      Saturday, a few days ago, did you talk to--

15      CO PALMER: [Interposing] Oh, no, no. I  
16      haven't spoken to him.

17      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No communication?  
18      No text? No nothing?

19      CO PALMER: No, no, no.

20      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You don't recall or you  
21      didn't?

22      CO PALMER: I don't recall. I don't recall  
23      that.

24      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So in the last four days,  
25      have you talked to [REDACTED]?

1 CO PALMER: No. No.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Have you  
3 talked to him about this text?

4 CO PALMER: No.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

6 CO PALMER: No. He's--no.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How come is--and,  
8 look, I, what I stated to you I emphatically  
9 stated the same way about two or three times. I  
10 understand you're under a lot more pressure.  
11 That's why I like a relaxed person to interview,  
12 so we get a straight, truthful answer.

13 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Why did you  
15 recollect this text message that you had sent  
16 now, but not on the last one about possibly she  
17 put an electric cutter--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Why are you  
19 remembering it so clearly today?

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You just remembered  
21 it clear now.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Something went off and you  
23 just lit up.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Almost, quite  
25 honestly, like, like, like, like you didn't have

1 a good answer for me last time and now you do,  
2 because we have the text. Not to call you a  
3 liar, but--

4 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No. But my memory  
5 is not always accurate when however that is. I  
6 think I may have--it could be that I did text to  
7 him about saying that possibly she dropped those  
8 cutters--

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You  
10 did text him. No, you did text him about that.

11 CO PALMER: Okay.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know you did.

13 CO PALMER: She may have dropped cutters.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What, what, why  
15 don't you both take a look at it.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Can you explain what the cutter  
17 was?

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Why don't you read  
19 it.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Put your glasses on, so you can  
21 read it, and see if it stirs your recollection.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right here.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Just don't--read it first.

24 CO PALMER: Okay. Hold on.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Take your time.



1 Take your time. Read it well and understand  
2 it, okay.

3 CO PALMER: Yes. That was a theory that we  
4 had come up with, yes.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Why did--oh, sorry. It says  
6 right here that this sounds like it's a fact  
7 that you're saying then she would leave, that's  
8 when she brought the electrical cutter. Did you  
9 know this for a fact?

10 CO PALMER: No, that was our--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] So why did you  
12 put it there? You said this--and I see where  
13 Scott is saying now. This is saying that you  
14 this--the way I read this is that you're saying  
15 that you know that she did it.

16 CO PALMER: No, I didn't know that.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So why did you write it like  
18 that though?

19 CO PALMER: Okay. 'Cause that's just how it  
20 came out. That's how it--

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] So what did you  
22 mean when you wrote this?

23 CO PALMER: That that's how we, I assumed  
24 that that's--'cause we had thought that the back  
25 of those cells were cut with a cutter.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When you say  
2 cutter, cutters--

3           CO PALMER: [Interposing] Well, I--

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --what device are  
5 you--

6           CO PALMER: [Interposing] I think it's  
7 called Demerol or what is--

8           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Oh.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A dremel?

10          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, no, no, no. Sorry, it's  
11 a hacksaw, a power hacksaw. It's a--

12          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] The  
13 handheld battery?

14          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes. It's got trays on it.

15          CO PALMER: Yeah. And what we had talked--

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Demo-, decome.

17          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dremel drill?

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Hmm-mm. I used to use one  
19 when I worked for my dad. I can't think of the  
20 God damn name right now. It's an electrical  
21 hacksaw. There's a blade that goes on it.  
22 There's a guard in front of it. There's a  
23 trigger on it.

24          CO PALMER: Oh, that's called--what in the  
25 hell is it?

1           ██████████ ██████████ You're not talking  
2 about a sawzall, right?

3           CO PALMER: That's it.

4           ████ ██████████ Sawzall.

5           CO PALMER: Sawzall.

6           ██████████ ██████████ What are you  
7 referring to? Like a--what, what are you--

8           [Crosstalk]

9           ██████████ ██████████ You were saying--not  
10 what we think an electrical cutter is. When you  
11 say electrical cutter, what specific device are  
12 you talking about?

13          CO PALMER: That's an electrical cutter to  
14 cut the panel.

15          ████ ██████████ But what's it called in real  
16 life?

17          ██████████ ██████████ What does it look  
18 like?

19          ████ ██████████ Draw it. Draw what you think  
20 it is.

21          ██████████ ██████████ Okay. I've got  
22 right here, I've got the paper right here. Take  
23 your time. Deep breath.

24          CO PALMER: I'm going to have to say any  
25 type of design that's with a handle.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When you wrote this, what  
2 did you--draw what you think this is when you're  
3 referring to this.

4           CO PALMER: That will be where you have a, a  
5 thing like that. CO PALMER: And then you would  
6 have an on and off switch and a power cord.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You, that's the,  
8 that's the--

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I think he's  
10 drawing a sawzall, but I'm not sure.

11          CO PALMER: Well, you know, you hold it like  
12 that and then--

13          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] How  
14 big is it? Or a grinder?

15          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oh, I know what you're  
16 drawing. Is it a wheel here?

17          CO PALMER: Yeah. That's a wheel, yeah.

18          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

19          CO PALMER: That's, that's what I was just  
20 thinking. When you keep thinking about when she  
21 would come in, 'cause when we got the--

22          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You don't mean  
23 the electricity cutting. You're saying it's  
24 plugged in and it cuts this cuts?

25          CO PALMER: Yeah. 'Cause you'd have, you'd

1 have to have--

2 [Crosstalk]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I don't know.

4 CO PALMER: Without the shield, maybe not as  
5 correct. But because we had stopped along when  
6 we said, Jesus Christ--

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.

8 CO PALMER: --we may. But we said it's kind  
9 of, but when she would walk all of the time with  
10 her cookies and stuff.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, let me go back to that if  
12 you don't mind.

13 CO PALMER: Yeah.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So she leaves her shops, right,  
15 with cookies?

16 CO PALMER: Well, no. This is coming into  
17 work.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Into work in the morning?

19 CO PALMER: Yeah. This is at 7 o'clock in  
20 the morning.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In the morning. So she goes,  
22 she comes through the front gate and walks to A  
23 Block?

24 CO PALMER: Yes.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] With cookies?

1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Doesn't have to go--now, she's  
3 not an officer. Does she have to go through any  
4 metal detectors?

5 CO PALMER: No. No.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So--

7 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No staff does.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No staff does?

9 CO PALMER: No.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So she doesn't have to go  
11 through B Block?

12 CO PALMER: No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] She goes through no metal  
14 detectors?

15 CO PALMER: No metal detectors at all.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And she goes right up and gives  
17 you, and then gives you cookies?

18 CO PALMER: Yes.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Just to you? Just you, never  
20 direct, any direct access to Matt up there?

21 CO PALMER: Oh, no. No.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did she give any other CO's  
23 cookies?

24 CO PALMER: I imagine. I'm, I'm not so sure  
25 to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 up.

2 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

3 CO PALMER: But I always took her cookies  
4 and ate them. I think maybe other, there may be  
5 a couple that may have had one or two, but she  
6 only had, like, four or five in her hand.

7 [REDACTED] So, so in this text, what  
8 you're doing is you're speculating a way that  
9 she might have got the power tools to him?

10 CO PALMER: Yes, because--

11 [REDACTED] [Interposing] Electrical tools.

12 CO PALMER: Yes. Because what we had, I  
13 though was, Jesus Christ, that's what that was  
14 possibly that she walked in, gave me cookies,  
15 'cause that would be the reason why she would  
16 come down that hallway.

17 [REDACTED] Right, to give you  
18 cookies.

19 CO PALMER: And, sorry, because this, the  
20 cookie thing, that wasn't, that wasn't--

21 [REDACTED] [Interposing]  
22 Where's she going to put the grinder?

23 CO PALMER: Well, we thought that, that she  
24 would take that and put it in the garbage can  
25 and then the porters or some porter would come

1 out and then grab the garbage and bring it  
2 back into the block and then we had it in the  
3 block.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But you know the way  
5 people sneak things around, 'cause that's your  
6 job.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you, how would she get the  
8 power tool in the prison?

9 CO PALMER: Well, you don't go through a  
10 metal detector. You just walk right through the  
11 door.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. I'm going to  
13 show you the text again. Okay. Let me start  
14 off from earlier that day. All right. The text  
15 in question that you just read was this. Read  
16 the previous text. I, I want to, I want you to  
17 recall, okay, this conversation, if you can.  
18 All right. And maybe this will help you.

19 'Cause she's hypothesizing all over that here.

20 CO PALMER: Oh, yes. Oh, here we go. Okay.  
21 What happened here, this is with Mary's [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what happened was that back  
23 to that--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Wait.  
25 Which is--wait, wait. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



1 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is Mary's

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So this is  
4 all with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 CO PALMER: Yeah. We were going to Vermont.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, there, there  
7 is a message about Vermont.

8 CO PALMER: Okay.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. That's right  
10 down here, if I'm correct.

11 CO PALMER: Yes.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm looking at it  
13 upside down. 40 hours and zero, right. But the  
14 way this works, okay, is you have a text coming  
15 in and you have--

16 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Oh, oh, okay.  
17 That's what this is. That's, that's we're going  
18 to Vermont, because [REDACTED] [REDACTED] lives in  
19 Vermont.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

21 CO PALMER: That's how that would be.

22 'Cause that--

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] After  
24 you had gone in.

25 CO PALMER: And that's how that would come

1 out.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is that her number?

3 CO PALMER: I believe so. I don't--I'd have  
4 to look at my phone. I don't know.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Now, so he  
6 says nothing here, that's fine. He sent a blank  
7 text, right. Over here, finally, going on the  
8 ferry to New York. So the ferry that's up here?

9 CO PALMER: Yes.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Then you say  
11 rumor has it they both may be dead.

12 CO PALMER: Oh, yes. Because what happened  
13 there was during the day [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had  
14 stopped. We were at a roadblock. Where the  
15 hell were we? Oh, yes. Mary was at a roadblock  
16 and I had brought her coffee. And [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] had come through with his car and he  
18 had said they're both dead. They're both dead.  
19 And I believe I had my phone with me at the time  
20 and I texted [REDACTED]. Yes. But that turned out  
21 to be false, so--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] And  
23 [REDACTED] is who?

24 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 'Cause he had come by and had stopped

1 and said that they were both dead, which we  
2 believed that. So, yes.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

4 CO PALMER: Okay.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You know, that's works when we,  
6 we issue a search warrant for historical text  
7 information, too, that's how we get all of those  
8 text messages or we suck them out of your phone.  
9 You, you understand that?

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That's why it's important that  
12 either you tell us you don't know it or you tell  
13 us the truth. Okay. All of these things may be  
14 or may not be the--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] They're not  
16 trying to trip you up.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We're not trying to trip you  
18 up. We're trying to refresh your recollection.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. We're trying  
20 to get to the truth.

21 A:No, I know. It's just--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] If I  
23 wanted, if I wanted to trip him, I'd show him  
24 the context and make it into whatever I wanted.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know, but since Saturday

1 I've learned a lot of things. Not about you  
2 and you, but about me and sit around and now I'm  
3 kind of paranoid. So I'm making sure that--

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No,  
5 no. I appreciate--

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --when he answers the  
7 questions before--

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I  
9 appreciate you're doing your job.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I just want to let  
12 you know I, I'm giving you as much information  
13 as I possibly can, so you can recall and give me  
14 a truthful answer. That's it.

15 CO PALMER: Yes.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Well, look.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Let him finish  
19 reading--

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --the rest of that.  
22 Okay. Take your time and just tell me what that  
23 whole conversation is about.

24 CO PALMER: Oh, this one here? Okay.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who is that?

1 CO PALMER: This is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. And  
2 what had happened is that she, they, they got,  
3 they, and they had to go live with their friends  
4 and so we had moved. What we had done was we  
5 went to, I think it was a price star, but we  
6 went and spent about \$200. I think it might  
7 have been--matter of fact, it was in Vermont  
8 that we went grocery shopping.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You actually  
10 previously told me that story. Now, you've told  
11 both of us that story.

12 CO PALMER: So, now, once she's over there,  
13 the people that she's living with, they would  
14 start giving her rides to work. But they need  
15 gas money, so I was supposed to send her \$20  
16 and, and I ended up not getting the cigarettes  
17 the same day. So I, I'm pretty sure I mailed  
18 her two packages, which is two packages. One  
19 had \$40 in it, 'cause I gave her an extra \$20.  
20 And then finally I was able to get the  
21 cigarettes and mail them to her, which  
22 apparently you're not supposed to mail  
23 cigarettes.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who, who's [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 CO PALMER: Oh, what's the--

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is that [REDACTED] number?

5 CO PALMER: Who?

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

7 CO PALMER: I don't know that name.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I think I know who that is.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, let's come  
10 back to Vermont. Who, who is that?

11 CO PALMER: That may be the--

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Whose  
13 phone is she using?

14 CO PALMER: Well--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Whose phone is  
16 that number?

17 CO PALMER: That I don't know. I don't  
18 know.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have you, have you  
20 contacted her on that since then?

21 CO PALMER: I don't recall if we've  
22 contacted her on that phone, but she does have a  
23 phone. Because she does have a phone--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Well, look up.  
25 Did you bring your phone with you?

1 CO PALMER: No. But I--it's not going to  
2 be Verizon. It's going to be [REDACTED], because I  
3 paid and Mary's paid the bill for her on that  
4 phone.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. Let's  
6 get back to the conversation with here.

7 CO PALMER: Yes.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Where's the next one from  
10 [REDACTED] Where's [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It would be you skip  
12 over this one and it's the subsequent one.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This one?

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's this one?

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

16 CO PALMER: And in the top of this one,  
17 there's a travel. Okay. And in the morning she  
18 would bring cookies and leave. That's when she  
19 brought the electrical cutter and dropped it off  
20 in the block. It was in the block, yes. That's  
21 what we had speculated that had to have taken  
22 place on ow she would have moved that not the  
23 jail.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, it sounds very  
25 definitive though. It doesn't sound like I

1 think. Especially somebody like you. You  
2 say I think, I kind of, I ought to. Here you're  
3 saying this is what happened and that the cutter  
4 was--

5 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yeah. That's what  
6 I thought happened, believed what took place.

7 [REDACTED] Did you ever see her put an  
8 electrical cutter in the garbage?

9 CO PALMER: No. No, we didn't. No, I  
10 didn't.

11 [REDACTED] It would be--now,  
12 she--let me stop there. It would be beneficial  
13 for you to not protect anybody right now.

14 CO PALMER: Oh, I'm not. I'm not.

15 [REDACTED] And he will never  
16 disagree with me.

17 [REDACTED] No.

18 [REDACTED] 'Cause he represents  
19 you. Okay?

20 CO PALMER: Yes.

21 [REDACTED] And we want the  
22 truth from you. Nobody's here to hurt you.

23 CO PALMER: No.

24 [REDACTED] Okay.

25 [REDACTED] He's afraid they're going to



1 charge him with something, but--

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Well,  
3 that, that is what it is.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. If that is  
6 going to be the case, my, my boss---no. The way  
7 I, I didn't say that. And you also are  
8 responsible for what you do. But we're not here  
9 to hurt you. We want to get to the truth.

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oka. I'm all about  
12 that.

13 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And I told you that. I mean,  
15 the, if you tell the truth, it's going to help  
16 you. So--

17 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, I understand.  
18 But--

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] But, but what  
20 I'm going to interrupt too and I know it's  
21 'cause obviously why did it say this like you  
22 know for a fact that she did it? Why did you  
23 type it like that?

24 CO PALMER: I didn't.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But why did you type it like

1 that?

2 CO PALMER: Unless Mary typed that, but--

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Mary  
4 was--where were you when this text was going  
5 off?

6 CO PALMER: Well--

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] It's  
8 the 9<sup>th</sup>.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The 9<sup>th</sup> at--

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Were  
11 you on vacation?

12 CO PALMER: The 9<sup>th</sup>? Okay. I started on the  
13 1<sup>st</sup>.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Came back to work on  
15 Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

16 CO PALMER: 6<sup>th</sup>. And then I went, and then  
17 that Monday I went back, because I couldn't work  
18 overtime during the week. I could only work  
19 overtime Saturday and Sunday.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Okay.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SO you were, you  
22 were on vacation. So you're at home?

23 CO PALMER: I believe so.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He's mainly concerned about  
25 is that's when she brought it in. Like, he knew

1 for a fact that she brought it in.

2 CO PALMER: Well, I didn't know for a fact.  
3 But we had speculated that, 'cause I talked to  
4 [REDACTED] and we go, you know, she used to start  
5 with them cookies. And I said I'm going to tell  
6 you right now, that's what she did. [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] Sure.

16 CO PALMER: That went into the shops and  
17 that's where those garbage cans are right there.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 [REDACTED] Any other employees bringing in  
20 any contraband that way? is that what made you,  
21 you make, you said that?

22 [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 CO PALMER: I--

24 [REDACTED] [Interposing] Are  
25 you trying to protect somebody?

1 CO PALMER: Oh, no, sir. No.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Don't call me sir.

3 That means we're losing our, our communication.

4 CO PALMER: No.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Go ahead.

6 CO PALMER: I'll retract that.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Thank you.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You know, like, your first  
9 reaction is, hey, you're speculating that's how  
10 she brought--

11 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes. I believe.  
12 That's what I believe--

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --the tool in.

14 CO PALMER: --in how she perceived her--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Like, if you're  
16 speculating that, you have a basis to speculate.

17 CO PALMER: No.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you have an understanding of  
19 anyone else bringing stuff in that way? Whether  
20 it's the minimal, like weed, marijuana,  
21 anything.

22 CO PALMER: No. But it's what brought us to  
23 think that that was an electrical cutter,  
24 because of the way the back of the cells were  
25 cut and that's thick steel.

1           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   He's asking you if you  
2 know of any contraband that's been brought into  
3 the prison like that.

4           CO PALMER:   Oh, no, I don't.   I'm not aware  
5 of that.   I'm not aware of that.

6           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Through that mode,  
7 mode or manner, putting it in, somebody  
8 secreting it in a garbage can and then a porter  
9 picking it up.

10          CO PALMER:   That's what my theory is.

11          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   No.   Have you ever  
12 seen that?

13          CO PALMER:   No.

14          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   What gives you that  
15 theory?   I'm not, I'm not trying to reach for  
16 that theory.

17          CO PALMER:   How that would have gotten into  
18 the block?

19          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Right.   But why did you say the  
20 garbage can?   Did you ever put--you've been  
21 there 28 years.   In your 28 years, did anyone  
22 bring in anything, even flowers, that way?

23          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   That you know of.

24          CO PALMER:   Not that I know of.   Not that I  
25 know of.

1 ■           ■■■■■   ■■■■■   Did you have any  
2 conversations with anyone regarding that?

3           CO PALMER:   No.

4           ■■■■■   ■■■■■   Other than that.

5           CO PALMER:   Other than that.

6           ■■■■■   ■■■■■   You see, there is a  
7 rough learned behavior.  For instance, we know  
8 that when somebody stabs somebody, uses a knife  
9 to commit an assault or a homicide, seven out of  
10 ten times they're going to cut themselves.  So  
11 when we see somebody who looks like a defendant  
12 with cuts on their hands--okay, this is just an  
13 example I'm giving you, all right.

14          CO PALMER:   Mm-hmm.

15          ■■■■■   ■■■■■   And, and they look  
16 like they're a suspect, okay.  We all surmise,  
17 just like you did about the garbage can, how  
18 they got their cuts on their hands.  Okay.

19          CO PALMER:   Yes.

20          ■■■■■   ■■■■■   Hands are sweaty  
21 when they commit the assault, knife slips, okay.  
22 People are defensive.  So that's a learned  
23 behavior, because that's what we deal with.  
24 You're a, you're a CO, you have 28 years, okay.  
25 Get on the block and out of the blue you surmise

1 a pretty good way of getting contraband in.

2 CO PALMER: Yeah.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have you ever seen  
4 anybody caught and fired for bringing  
5 contraband?

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If you know, tell him.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Get caught and  
8 fired? It has nothing to do with this escape.  
9 Have you ever seen anybody, any staff that was  
10 fired for promoting prison contraband?

11 CO PALMER: Not that I'm aware of.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. Have you seen anyone--  
13 what he's asking you is have you ever seen  
14 anyone or know of anyone that's been fired for  
15 introducing prison contraband into the prison, a  
16 guard, a CO?

17 CO PALMER: Not that I remember.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. All right.  
19 Okay. Okay.

20 CO PALMER: Not that it hasn't happened, no.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Where did you get  
22 this theory? 'Cause it's a pretty good theory.

23 CO PALMER: Oh, well, because--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] That's  
25 what I'm asking you.

1 CO PALMER: Because as the panels--

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I think he's, I  
3 mean, in my opinion--

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Go  
5 ahead. Go ahead.

6 CO PALMER: 'Cause when we got to see where  
7 the cells were cut, we saw they were cut like  
8 that. And I, and the, the, the metal was at  
9 least that thick and however thick that would  
10 be.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

12 CO PALMER: So we speculated they must have  
13 cut it with a, a handheld.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Beyond that, how do  
15 you, why did you come up with the fact that she  
16 probably put it in the garbage can?

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In the garbage can.

18 CO PALMER: Oh, because when she'd bring the  
19 cookies in and then afterwards we'd see them.  
20 Afterwards I'd come back in the office and sit  
21 back down and then she'd go off on her way.  
22 Then there would be nobody in the hallway.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was there anything else than  
24 the garbage can that she could have dropped it  
25 in?



1 CO PALMER: No, because those hallways  
2 are clear.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

4 CO PALMER: And there's only one or two  
5 garbage cans around there.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So that's a  
7 weak point in security is what you're saying?

8 CO PALMER: Yes.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I just want--I get a  
10 little frustrated, because I want to make sure  
11 you understand that there's no option trying to  
12 protect anybody. Anybody at all. You're not  
13 protecting anybody right now?

14 CO PALMER: No, sir.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You haven't seen  
16 somebody else do this?

17 CO PALMER: No.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I can tell when you  
19 hate being interviewed by me and call me sir.  
20 Until then I'm [REDACTED].

21 CO PALMER: I, I apologize.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm not trying to  
23 scare you. I want you to realize, you know,  
24 this is serious.

25 CO PALMER: Oh, yes.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. We need  
2 the truth. All right.

3           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Let me ask another  
8 question about these cookies. She has a plate  
9 of cookies or Tupperware or how does she bring  
10 them?

11           CO PALMER: I recall I think they were on a  
12 paper plate maybe.

13           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Paper plate. She dropped the  
14 cookies off to you or just gives you a few of  
15 them?

16           CO PALMER: She'd give me a few.

17           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] She'd never drop the plate off?

18           CO PALMER: No. Well, no, that's not true.  
19 I think maybe she had. Maybe a couple of times  
20 when she gave me the whole plate and I brought  
21 it in the office and set them on the counter,  
22 'cause we'd have our coffee right there. And  
23 other individuals would come in.

24           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A paper plate or--

25           CO PALMER: [Interposing] It would be a

1 paper plate, because it wouldn't have been  
2 Tupperware because she would have kept the  
3 Tupperware. So it would have been a paper  
4 plate. That the few times that, that the plate  
5 was brought in there, the paper plate. A lot  
6 of, most of the times I would go outside in the  
7 hallway and she'd just hand them and then go  
8 back into the hall.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Now, let me ask you this. Do  
10 you recall ever giving those cookies to Matt?

11 CO PALMER: Oh, no.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're sure about that?

13 CO PALMER: I'm sure of that. I'm sure of  
14 that. Because this is 7 o'clock in the morning  
15 and everybody is locked in and they don't come  
16 out until--

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah. But maybe  
18 later in the day you did?

19 CO PALMER: Oh, no. No, because that--

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Because you gave  
21 him the, the pieces of your steak, right.

22 CO PALMER: Just that once.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You brought him a hamburger?

24 CO PALMER: Yes.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So it's not farfetched that you

1 would give cookies.

2 CO PALMER: No, I never did give him  
3 cookies.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're sure about that?

5 CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I mean, you've all ready  
7 admitted to giving them other food, so if you  
8 did--

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah.  
10 It doesn't matter. That's what I'm saying.

11 CO PALMER: No, no.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Food is food at this  
13 point.

14 CO PALMER: Yeah.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. We're just  
16 trying to get a reliability--

17 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, I never gave  
18 him cookies, because I ate the cookies.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you're a little  
20 selfish with the cookies? Come on.

21 CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We're talking about  
23 cookies. How you guys doing? All right? Matt  
24 and Joyce have a relationship, we've established  
25 that. You've helped us establish that. Okay.

1 Well, further established that. Right?

2 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. What  
4 instances in the past, okay, have you ever  
5 passed letters, not, not, not pictures, okay,  
6 from other people, so portraits can be made.  
7 You told us that. Have you ever passed letters  
8 from Matt to Joyce or, or for Joyce--

9 CO PALMER: [Interposing] NO.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --to Matt?

11 CO PALMER: No.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Or for Matt to  
13 Joyce?

14 CO PALMER: No.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Either or?

16 CO PALMER: No.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. You're sure?

18 CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. What's, what  
20 makes you so positive?

21 CO PALMER: 'Cause I never did that and they  
22 were never asked to do that.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. Okay.  
24 But you have to ask those things, that's why I  
25 was just wondering why it would be a big deal.

1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. All right. I  
3 asked you, and I'd just like to ask you one more  
4 time, okay. Who are--and I get that you  
5 wouldn't have a problem with this, because it's  
6 about other people.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, yeah.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. Your  
9 coworkers.

10 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And I don't want to  
12 tell you what you said last time, because people  
13 always remember the truth.

14 CO PALMER: Yes.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They want to corroborate what  
16 you said.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, and I think the  
18 only time you hadn't told the truth is when you  
19 think you're going to get one of your buddies in  
20 trouble. Okay. I'm not sure about it and I  
21 respect it, but I respectfully disagree with  
22 you. It's a stupid thing to do. Okay. Who had  
23 a relationship? Who had a relationship, okay,  
24 with Matt or Sweat? What other correctional  
25 officers or civilian employees?

1 CO PALMER: Well, see. Now, I, I believe  
2 he was the first, the first [background noise]  
3 officer in tailor one. Now, on the weekends he  
4 would be in the block. He would work in the  
5 block with us, because he would be assigned to--  
6 matter of fact, he had three company and I had  
7 six company on the weekends.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What shifts?

9 CO PALMER: 7:00 to 3:00. And also, now,  
10 there's going to be a relief officer, because  
11 when Al has his RDL's then you'd have a relief  
12 officer. And that officer too would be assigned  
13 to three company also.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And who would that  
15 officer usually be?

16 CO PALMER: Jesus, that's going to be--I  
17 have to think about that. Who the hell was the  
18 fucking relief officer? [REDACTED]. Yeah, [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]. 'Cause he had my, my--

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]?

22 CO PALMER: [REDACTED], because he would have  
23 tailor one, tailor six, and then he'd have 90.  
24 So, yes.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When did he have

1 tailor one, tailor six, and 90?

2 CO PALMER: Well--

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] The  
4 week before?

5 CO PALMER: [REDACTED], he would only be out  
6 of his four day work week, I don't know if he  
7 would be in the, the shop two days and one in  
8 tailor six and one on 90, which is 90. I'm not  
9 sure if it's one, one day in tailor two and  
10 tailor--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What's  
12 90?

13 CO PALMER: That's my radio number.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So he'd be  
16 the escort and he--

17 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you always had 89  
19 and 90?

20 CO PALMER: Yes.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So one's 89  
22 and one's 90.

23 CO PALMER: He had my job at least once a  
24 week, which and then he would have tailor one.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what was he



1 doing here at your job? Were you off or were  
2 you sent out?

3 CO PALMER: No, my department was off.

4 'Cause all I did was 90 through the whole time I  
5 was there.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That's all you did?

7 CO PALMER: Yes.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who else?

9 CO PALMER: There might be some other people  
10 that, depending on if somebody had called in  
11 sick or something like that that would have been  
12 filled miscellaneously, but that would be the  
13 standard. Because whoever has the good job then  
14 there would be a bid put up for the relief and  
15 then you'd have, you would have to relieve all  
16 of these other posts as the, as the days went  
17 through. So the only ones that come to mind was  
18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Okay.  
20 Well, then what kind--well, you mentioned other  
21 people too that have relationships with Matt and  
22 Sweat.

23 CO PALMER: N-, well, I don't know about  
24 that. They, they would--

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] When I

1 say Matt and Sweat I mean Matt and/or Sweat.  
2 Had a relationship with either both of them or  
3 one or the other.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He doesn't mean to fence you  
5 in. Any kind of contact that you think is not  
6 normal.

7 CO PALMER: No. Everything I have observed  
8 was fine. But, see, we weren't, I wasn't always  
9 upstairs. See, once you lock them back in--

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I  
11 understand. But you guys talk too.

12 CO PALMER: No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not to call you off,  
14 but--

15 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --look, you talk.  
17 You know what goes on with each other. You have  
18 to communicate through the day in your  
19 situation.

20 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You know, you do it  
22 every day, so it becomes a little more lax, but  
23 it's, yeah. I know. It's a dangerous  
24 situation.

25 CO PALMER: Yes.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. We  
2 can agree on that?

3           CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So, so don't  
5 tell me that you and Allen, okay, don't  
6 communicate.

7           CO PALMER: Oh, yes.

8           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So you know,  
9 you know if there's relationships. Just like  
10 there's people that know who told us about your  
11 relationship--

12          CO PALMER: [Interposing] Mm-hmm.

13          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --with Matt and  
14 Sweat. And, again, I don't want to get into  
15 names, okay. I'm not going to. But we don't  
16 have a crystal ball. When I tell you don't be  
17 loyal to these people--

18          CO PALMER: [Interposing] Oh, I'm not.

19          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --you don't know how  
20 many people told us about the relationship that  
21 you had with Matt.

22          CO PALMER: Yes.

23          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How many other  
24 corrections officers have told us, okay.

25          CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] These are not  
2 loyal people.

3           CO PALMER: No.

4           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's not the time to  
5 be loyal. It's time to be truthful.

6           CO PALMER: Yes.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

8           CO PALMER: I know.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So is, is there a  
10 relationship with Al Trambly that's unusual?  
11 You all ready mentioned the paintings, so  
12 there's somewhat of a relationship.

13           CO PALMER: I never visually saw that or  
14 suspected anything like that. He was friendly.  
15 I mean, he's an easy talking guy, you know.  
16 He's not, he's not pumped up or nothing like  
17 that.

18           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. How about  
19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

20           CO PALMER: Now, at one time he had 89, but  
21 he had been off a long time ago. But that was  
22 when I first took the job years ago he was 89.

23           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Where did he work  
24 for the last year?

25           CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]? He works--

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] For  
2 the last year.

3           CO PALMER: I think he'd bid, he's got a bid  
4 job and he works up at, not satellite, but he  
5 works IPC, ICP, I don't know what that's called,  
6 but he works up in - -.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. For how long?  
8 The last year?

9           CO PALMER: Yes, I'd have to say--

10          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Has he  
11 been in A Block in the last year?

12          CO PALMER: Has he been in A Block?

13          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

14          CO PALMER: He'll, he's come in there and  
15 visited.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Didn't you say the exercise  
17 machine came from where he works?

18          CO PALMER: Yes, as a matter of fact. We  
19 got screamed at about that, but that's, that's  
20 where that machine was.

21          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] There's one of them.  
22 Yeah, I know. The one that got put down in six.

23          CO PALMER: Yeah.

24          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In the common area,  
25 correct?

1 CO PALMER: Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So obviously  
3 he's been in there. Is there a relationship I  
4 need to know? I'm sorry to press your client,  
5 but--

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No, no, no.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --he needs to be  
8 bagging everybody. Let's go. Come on. Tell us  
9 about--

10 CO PALMER: [Interposing] You keep talking  
11 about that, but you bring that up, 'cause I--

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No. It takes a  
13 few times of asking to jog his memory like each  
14 time.

15 CO PALMER: Not that I've ever witnessed.  
16 Nothing that was out of normal or--no, nothing.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did he help bring the  
18 exercise machine into the--

19 CO PALMER: [Interposing] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

21 CO PALMER: No. The, the exercise machine  
22 was brought in by myself and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sweat,  
23 and about ten convicts.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sweat hopped in when you guys  
25 went and got it from [REDACTED]?

1 CO PALMER: No, because we went and got  
2 that on a Sunday. And I don't recall [REDACTED]  
3 being there on a Sunday. That was nobody was  
4 upstairs when we went and dismantled that and  
5 put it back together.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is [REDACTED] friends with anyone  
7 else that still works in there?

8 CO PALMER: Oh, he'll know [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in  
9 the block, yeah. He'll know [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in  
10 the block.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And does he talk to them  
12 still?

13 CO PALMER: I would imagine so.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

15 CO PALMER: I can't confirm that, but I  
16 would imagine so. Yeah.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Anybody else?

18 CO PALMER: Unless you run some names by me  
19 to trigger--

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] How  
21 about [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

22 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]? Yeah. He's, he  
23 works in the block too, yes.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

25 CO PALMER: Yes, that's correct. He works

1 in the block also.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How do you know him?

3 CO PALMER: He would have been the relief  
4 officer, the second man.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Relief officer,  
6 second man? What was he doing working on the  
7 bottom?

8 CO PALMER: Well, I don't--what, whatever  
9 his bid is, how long his bid is. He's not in  
10 there that often. He's not in there--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What  
12 do you mean not in there often? He's semi-  
13 retired?

14 CO PALMER: When I say not in there often,  
15 see on my RDO's he may be working in the block,  
16 so I don't, I don't recall. I always say I  
17 don't recall, but on my RDO's probably the  
18 second man can. I think he had the relief of  
19 the second man, but I'm not--but he did work in  
20 the block as second man. He was never first  
21 man, I know that. But I have worked with him.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What was his relationship with  
23 Matt or Sweat?

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If you know anything, tell  
25 them.



1 CO PALMER: That, that I didn't see much  
2 of that.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, did you have  
4 conversations with Matt about [REDACTED]?

5 CO PALMER: No.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Take a second and think about  
7 it, because just think.

8 CO PALMER: That I don't know, but he may  
9 have painted a painting for him.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] For who?

11 CO PALMER: I, for some reason I think maybe  
12 he had. Maybe he had.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Are you saying  
14 maybe?

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Don't protect him. If you  
16 know for a fact, tell them.

17 CO PALMER: I think he had spoke about a  
18 painting, having a painting.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You think or he did?

20 CO PALMER: We'll go with he did.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, not go with. Do you know  
22 if he did or not? Seriously, take a second and  
23 think about it.

24 CO PALMER: Let's--yes. Let's--yes.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, not let's. Did he?

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Do you  
2 recall--

3           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Sorry, I'm not  
4 trying to--

5           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --did he give a  
6 painting to [REDACTED]? If you recall, how do you  
7 recall?

8           CO PALMER: How did he--I'm pretty, I do  
9 think he had a painting made, but that would  
10 have been a long time ago. That wasn't recent.

11          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well what was the  
12 painting of?

13          CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

14          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you know?

15          CO PALMER: No, I don't. I don't.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] None of this is going to get  
17 you in trouble if that's--

18          CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, I don't recall  
19 what the--I, I think it might have been [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22          CO PALMER: But I never did see that  
23 painting.

24          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What's awhile?

25          CO PALMER: I'd have to say that was, gees,

1 that would be--

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Awhile is not  
3 in the past two years. Awhile is, like, six,  
4 seven years ago. At least I think it is.

5 CO PALMER: That would have to be probably,  
6 I'm going to have to guess on that, two years  
7 ago. If not a year.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you're guessing two years  
9 ago ?

10 CO PALMER: Or a year, yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who gave Matt the,  
12 the picture, do you know?

13 CO PALMER: I believe he handled all that.  
14 I may have brought the picture to him. I mean,  
15 the photograph.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right. So I'm  
17 asking it.

18 CO PALMER: I may have brought the  
19 photograph to him. I don't recall that though.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's possible you  
21 did, you, you brought the picture to him, but  
22 you don't recall, is that--

23 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Correct. Yes,  
24 yes.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

1           [REDACTED] All right. Can I ask him  
2 a question? Is it a breach of protocol for you  
3 to give him the picture?

4           CO PALMER: At the facility?

5           [REDACTED] Yeah.

6           CO PALMER: I'm not sure.

7           [REDACTED] Okay.

8           [REDACTED] I've got a phrase  
9 for you.

10          CO PALMER: Yes.

11          [REDACTED] Okay. Before we get  
12 into that phrase, [REDACTED], how close are  
13 you with him?

14          CO PALMER: Not at all.

15          [REDACTED] Scale of 1 to 10,  
16 friend. Inside worker.

17          CO PALMER: 2.

18          [REDACTED] 2? Well, okay. Do  
19 you ever hang out with him? Did you ever hang  
20 out with him?

21          CO PALMER: No.

22          [REDACTED] Never hung out with  
23 him outside of work?

24          CO PALMER: Never.

25          [REDACTED] Never met him in

1 Stewart's for a cup of coffee?

2 CO PALMER: No.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Think, think about the  
4 questions. Like, if you--

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah.  
6 Let me finish before you answer.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sometimes you remember things  
8 if you take a second and he knows that now.

9 CO PALMER: I don't remember ever going--

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What,  
11 what happened wrong with you and [REDACTED]? I just  
12 realized now the way you answered that question  
13 and you gave a 2.

14 CO PALMER: I said--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] What  
16 went wrong between you and [REDACTED]?

17 CO PALMER: [REDACTED]?

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. You just  
19 looked like you were very disgusted with him.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I caught that.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. You said  
22 you'd give him a 2 out of 10.

23 CO PALMER: Oh. I didn't work, work with  
24 him.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. Did something happen

1 between you two? Did he cross you in any  
2 way?

3 CO PALMER: No.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Did you get in a fight with  
5 him?

6 CO PALMER: No, no.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED],  
8 how close are you with him or were you?

9 CO PALMER: We're pretty close. We didn't  
10 hang out on the street at all.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1 to 10.

12 CO PALMER: Inside the facility, we were  
13 pretty close for a while, because we worked  
14 together for, for about four or five years as a  
15 team.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. As a team?

17 CO PALMER: Yes. Yeah. He was 89 and I'm  
18 90.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. All right.  
20 Did you have any nicknames?

21 CO PALMER: No.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Have you ever  
23 heard of the phrase the goon squad?

24 CO PALMER: Oh, yeah.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Most of the

1 questions we're asking we know the answer to.

2 You need to be forthcoming.

3 CO PALMER: What we did was that because 89  
4 and 90 because you have 125. Now, 125 doesn't  
5 stay in the shops as long as we do. So most of  
6 the times when you had a keep block escort or  
7 issue, which basically was a keep block escort,  
8 we stayed together and we moved together as a  
9 team.

10 [REDACTED] So why do they call you the  
11 goon squad?

12 CO PALMER: Oh, they just say that, because  
13 we had to go get the convicts and escort them.

14 [REDACTED] Oh, they're the goons.  
15 You're not the goons? Are you the goons or are  
16 they?

17 CO PALMER: I guess they, I wouldn't be  
18 surprised if the convicts nicknamed us that.

19 [REDACTED] Oh, okay.

20 CO PALMER: But I don't recall anybody else  
21 saying the goon squad.

22 [REDACTED] I just don't want to see that  
23 on the front page of the paper.

24 [REDACTED] You won't. Well, I,  
25 I, you know, I'm not--you won't from us.

1 Listen.

2 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. I like your  
4 interpretation of the goon squad.

5 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I've got to call  
7 bullshit on it. I do. I do. We do our job.  
8 You guys are called the goon squad, okay. Maybe  
9 that's what you thought it was. Because if  
10 somebody needed something, if somebody screwed  
11 up and got, they got taken right out of A Block,  
12 right, like we discussed the first time. Who  
13 would get them back in A Block? Or if somebody  
14 screwed up and got taken out of tailor or out of  
15 porter, who would get them back in? What squad  
16 would get them back in? The goon squad.  
17 That's, that's what my investigation. That's  
18 my--that's what the investigation--

19 CO PALMER: [Interposing] That doesn't--

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Don't. Yeah.

21 CO PALMER: That doesn't seem--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Didn't  
23 to me either. Seems derogatory almost.

24 CO PALMER: Goon squad?

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Usually



1 goon squad is somebody throws a beef.

2 CO PALMER: That we'd get them back in the  
3 block?

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

5 CO PALMER: Once they lost A Block, we would  
6 possibly go the of-, the probative and we'd get  
7 them a job. But you still couldn't do that,  
8 because, see, once you leave the block there's  
9 an honor block up front and they've got to go by  
10 the list to get those guys back in and you  
11 can't. That's how it goes, by the list. So the  
12 book, the book up front.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Which is why you  
14 guys became famous, or infamous, for helping out  
15 convicts, okay, and you're called the goon  
16 squad. That's, that's--

17 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No, that doesn't--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] How  
19 many--mul-, more than one source, right. More  
20 than one credible source has told us that?

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And I know that--

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I know when you  
24 say that, I don't fucking believe that for a  
25 second. Sorry. I'm not the one being

1 questioned, but I don't.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. All right.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Lots of people don't like  
4 him. Randy.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Gene, when, when your name  
6 first appeared in this investigation in the  
7 media, you said people came to your house or  
8 called you to show signs of support for you,  
9 right?

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What, what corrections officers  
12 did that?

13 CO PALMER: We had [REDACTED] [REDACTED] come over  
14 and we had [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Now, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was  
15 the last one. He has 89 on a bid now. But he's  
16 been out, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And the thing  
17 with him being out, each day they fill it with a  
18 different person. It's like if you were on  
19 vacation, the would take a one person to fill  
20 that whole slot with one person. But in [REDACTED]  
21 situation, it was a day by day thing, so you had  
22 a different officer for 89.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what's [REDACTED] last name?

24 CO PALMER: [REDACTED].

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Are these, would you

1 characterize them as your friends?

2 CO PALMER: Yes.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Any contact from [REDACTED]?

4 CO PALMER: No.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You said four or  
6 five years you and [REDACTED] did transports  
7 together, right?

8 CO PALMER: Yes.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What years were  
10 they?

11 CO PALMER: Well, it would have started,  
12 'cause he all ready had 89 when I took the bid.  
13 So that would be 2008 when we started, when I  
14 started.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Until?

16 CO PALMER: Well--

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] When  
18 he did go to ICP?

19 CO PALMER: He went back a year ago, but I  
20 think he bid off prior to that. He had bid off  
21 prior to that.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So 2012,  
23 2013. Okay. Now, I understand--look, I'll go  
24 with your, I'm not going to battle you on this  
25 goon squad thing. Okay.

1 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It is what it is at  
3 this point for the goon squad, okay. But why is  
4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] part of the goon squad?

5 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a goon squad?

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you know what the goon  
8 squad is here? 'Cause I'm getting conflicting--

9 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Well, the goon  
10 squad in the prison system would be a, a,  
11 technically, not technically would be a group of  
12 officers or, yeah, officers, that would deal  
13 with hardened, rough inmates.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah, rough guys.

15 Deal with the rough guys.

16 CO PALMER: Yeah.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Correct?

18 CO PALMER: Yes.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And that's  
20 why there's a variation on, on, on their  
21 interpretation of a goon squad here. It's not  
22 your basic goon squad. I'm not suggesting that.  
23 I'm not suggesting you two know. That's not  
24 what I'm saying, if that's where you think I'm  
25 going with this.

1 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In fact, I told you  
3 what their interpretation was. It's just your  
4 interpretation was different. Your answer to  
5 the goon squad. I say the goon squad, okay,  
6 according to the inmates interpretation is  
7 that's who you go to when you're ready to do a  
8 favor, because you need a favor. Because you  
9 screwed up and you got kicked out of some place  
10 or some detail. You speak to one of the three  
11 officers and they'll take care of you.

12 CO PALMER: Oh, oh, okay.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Now we've got an  
14 idea.

15 CO PALMER: Sometimes--

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] You  
17 could say that. You could say that, right.

18 CO PALMER: What happened, if you have a  
19 convict in A Block that got a ticket or  
20 something and lost his job, if they lose, once  
21 they lose their job, they have to get another  
22 one or they have to leave A Block.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Right.

24 CO PALMER: So what we would do, myself or  
25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], beings that the convict was well

1 behaved in A Block, he's not on the screen  
2 all of the time, we would go to program  
3 committee and say can you get this guy a job.  
4 And the program committee was very consistent  
5 about trying to keep the inmate in the block.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

7 CO PALMER: So they would, they would give  
8 him another job somewhere else, wherever the  
9 industry or most likely was always in a tailor  
10 shop. But it would be, and then this would keep  
11 them in the block. That's how that would work.  
12 I didn't realize they called us a goon squad  
13 for--

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Well, were you  
15 doing anything wrong by trying to get them a  
16 job?

17 CO PALMER: No. Oh, no. No. Because--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No, I was just  
19 trying to get it.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, that's what I'm  
21 saying. It's an easy--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah. There's  
23 times you just have to ask him questions six or  
24 seven times.

25 CO PALMER: No.

1           ██████████ ██████████ You need to  
2 relax. Take a deep breath and hear what I'm  
3 asking.

4           CO PALMER: I know, but the goon squad I  
5 couldn't comprehend how--

6           ██████████ ██████████ [Interposing] I know  
7 it's a derogatory name, but I'm not the one who  
8 came up with it.

9           CO PALMER: Okay. That's why.

10          ██████████ ██████████ Okay?

11          CO PALMER: Yes.

12          ██████████ ██████████ Who is the goon  
13 squad? Who did that? Who would go before  
14 committee?

15          CO PALMER: Oh, I'd either go in front of  
16 the program committee.

17          ██████████ ██████████ And who else?

18          CO PALMER: And ██████████ ██████████.

19          ██████████ ██████████ And who else?

20          ██████████ ██████████ Did ██████████?

21          CO PALMER: I, I wouldn't be surprised. He  
22 knew the convicts in there too.

23          ██████████ ██████████ Okay.

24          CO PALMER: That would be reasonable,  
25 because all you've got to do is make a phone

1 call and call them up. Help them keep them  
2 in the block, so--but he's not always in the  
3 block. He walked over and maybe did it.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You want to do this paper or  
5 no?

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. Well, we made  
7 reference to it before.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. We talked about this  
9 before we talked about cell phone traffic,  
10 right?

11 CO PALMER: Yes.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Again, just so we're clear--

13 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's an important topic.

15 CO PALMER: Yes.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Are you aware of any cell phone  
17 trafficking in the prison?

18 CO PALMER: No.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Very important.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's important for him to  
21 think about this.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm not saying he has  
24 something that he's going to answer yes or no.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, yeah.



1           [REDACTED] Take, take a second and  
2 think about it. If there is, just let them  
3 know.

4           CO PALMER: I'm not aware of anything.

5           [REDACTED] Do you need some time to  
6 think about it?

7           CO PALMER: Oh, no, I'm clear on it.

8           [REDACTED] Okay.

9           CO PALMER: No, I'm clear about that.

10          [REDACTED] Now, [REDACTED]. We talked about  
11 [REDACTED] before?

12          CO PALMER: Yes.

13          [REDACTED] She has blonde hair?

14          CO PALMER: Yes.

15          [REDACTED] Are you sure she's not involved  
16 in any cell phone trafficking?

17          CO PALMER: That I couldn't confirm. I  
18 would assume that she's not. I never saw any  
19 evidence of that.

20          [REDACTED] Do you know of any other female  
21 officers in there that are short, petite, with  
22 blonde hair?

23          CO PALMER: Short, petite, and blonde hair?

24          [REDACTED] Mary?

25          CO PALMER: No. No.

1           ████████████████████ Okay. Do you know any  
2 female officer in there who would be involved  
3 with cell phone trafficking?

4           ████████████████████ Even if it's a hunch.

5           CO PALMER: None that I'm aware of.

6           ████████████████████ Just a couple of other topics.  
7 And, look, we know the answers to a lot of these  
8 things. Matt or Sweat, do they, they use drugs?  
9 Either one of them that you're aware of.

10           CO PALMER: Nope, I never saw that. And  
11 that would be, be reflected by urinalysis. But  
12 those are random urinalysis.

13           ████████████████████ Yep.

14           CO PALMER: So I, the wouldn't have been,  
15 because they would have been locked up and they  
16 would, they would be moved from the A Block if  
17 they rang hot.

18           ████████████████████ Yep. Are you aware of any drug  
19 trafficking in the prison?

20           CO PALMER: No.

21           ████████████████████ You're sure about that?

22           CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

23           ████████████████████ Okay.

24           CO PALMER: I am.

25           ████████████████████ What about not drug

1 trafficking, what about just personal use?

2 CO PALMER: Not aware of that either. I  
3 haven't, I haven't seen that stuff either.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. What about yourself?

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Not myself either.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Why not?

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He--I don't think it's--he  
14 doesn't--

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] We're  
16 trying to--

17 [Crosstalk]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --counselor.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We can't, we can't, that's not  
20 a critical charge.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Previously,  
25 previously--

1           [Interposing]

3           CO PALMER:

4           

5           

6           

7           

8           

9           CO PALMER: Oh, no.

10          No. Tell them about you've  
11 used marijuana before.

12          CO PALMER: Yes, I have smoked before. And  
13 then, and the reason behind that is because of

14          

15          Okay.

16          We know that. Hold  
17 on a second. Wait a minute. So you're, you're,  
18 you've used marijuana.

19          CO PALMER: Yes.

20          Okay. Okay. How  
21 often?

22          Is this going to be used  
23 against him in, in terms of his job and  
24 termination?

25          He's not going to

1 get arrested for it.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm not--I'm focused  
4 on another piece.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, who do you guys share  
6 this with? Because I'm worried about his job  
7 and his financial security.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I, I share, I share  
9 this with my bosses, okay, 'cause my bosses go  
10 to the attorney's office.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay?

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. All right. I don't  
14 think you're going to get charged for using  
15 marijuana, so talk about it.

16 CO PALMER: Okay. The question is?

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you use marijuana?

18 CO PALMER: Yes.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. How often?

20 CO PALMER: Four times a week.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And then where do you  
22 get it?

23 CO PALMER: Um--

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] And we have,

25 we're trying to get a nexus, to where we exhaust

1 the nexus to the prison list. So that's  
2 where we're going with that.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. No, I don't think--

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah. Where do  
5 you get it? [Long pause] It's not a hard  
6 question, Gene. My point is we've been together  
7 a long time, don't get tripped up by these  
8 questions.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're not protecting anyone  
10 here. Just tell them, seriously. Do you need a  
11 second to talk to me first?

12 CO PALMER: Let's do that.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You want to do that? Okay.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Quickly, I just want  
16 to ask you, because this bothers me because I  
17 thought we were being truthful for all this  
18 time.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm, I'm, he was being  
20 truthful.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He shouldn't need  
22 your assistance at this time.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. But I, I may have made  
24 him scared, by saying not to talk about it,  
25 because I didn't want it to look like--I don't

1 think it had anything to do with the prison,  
2 but I want to talk to him first before we talk  
3 about it. I knew that the marijuana thing would  
4 come up, but I, I told him not to talk about it,  
5 because I didn't want it to be used against him.  
6 So--

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.  
8 Well, it's kind of like an ABC at this point.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know. This is new for me.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, no. And, again,  
13 I'm not trying to be--

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No, that's  
15 fine.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You have to  
17 understand, I mean, we--

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I know you  
19 know, but this is partly my fault.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This is very simple  
21 and it actually could be helpful to him.

22 D: Okay.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Standby.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Thank you.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No problem.

1 [OFF THE RECORD]

2 [ON THE RECORD]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And you know how--

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Look, I'm just  
5 saying--

6 [OFF THE RECORD]

7 [ON THE RECORD]

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --using this.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know, but you know how it  
10 works. Not by you two.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So a couple of other  
12 areas. We've talked about drug usage. All  
13 right. That's where we left off. I think we  
14 left off at you use marijuana regularly.

15 CO PALMER: Yes.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How many times a  
17 week was it?

18 CO PALMER: Four.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Four. And who  
20 supplies you with that?

21 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're doing the right thing.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And what type of  
25 quantities is it in? I think you mentioned that



1       you give some to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

2           CO PALMER:   Yes.

3       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Okay.   So what type  
4       of quantities do you get from [REDACTED]

5           CO PALMER:   An ounce.

6       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   An ounce every?

7           CO PALMER:   Once a month.

8       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Once a month?   Does  
9       [REDACTED] [REDACTED] use marijuana too?

10          CO PALMER:   I believe so.

11       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Have you smoked  
12       together with him?

13          CO PALMER:   Yes.

14       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Okay.   In the jail?

15          CO PALMER:   No.

16       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   What about any other  
17       drugs?   Cocaine?

18          CO PALMER:   No.

19       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Positive?

20          CO PALMER:   Yes, I am.

21       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Okay.   What about

22       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23          CO PALMER:   That I don't know if he has or  
24       not.

25       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]   Well, let me ask you

1 this. Have you had any conversations with  
2 him about using cocaine?

3 CO PALMER: He's spoke of it.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What did he say?

5 CO PALMER: That, that he had used it  
6 before.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When did that  
8 conversation happen?

9 CO PALMER: Recently, right up till the jail  
10 break.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

12 CO PALMER: Not in as he spoke about it, but  
13 whether he was active in using it I'm not aware  
14 of that. I never witnessed any of that.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But he spoke about  
16 using it before?

17 CO PALMER: Yes.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In what context?

19 CO PALMER: Joking manner.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Like, can you give  
21 me an example?

22 CO PALMER: The term blow and doing off the  
23 back side of a woman's back. Things like that.  
24 Those type of descriptions.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, he reiterated

1 memories or he joked about it?

2 CO PALMER: Joked about it.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How much was the  
4 marijuana? How much was he charging you?

5 CO PALMER: That would be--well--

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing]

7 Correct. How much did he charge you?

8 CO PALMER: That was, I think, 280.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 280?

10 CO PALMER: Yes.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not very much of a friend.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 280 a month about?

13 CO PALMER: Yes.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And you pay him in  
15 cash? And who was his source supplying him, any  
16 idea?

17 CO PALMER: That I don't know.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You never discussed  
19 that with him?

20 CO PALMER: No, he didn't.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Have you ever--okay.  
22 When you can get in touch with [REDACTED], have you  
23 ever got marijuana or any other drugs for Matt  
24 or Sweat?

25 CO PALMER: Oh, no. Never.

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

2 CO PALMER: Never.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was there any  
4 discussion at all ever with Matt about drug  
5 trafficking? Even just marijuana.

6 CO PALMER: No.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're sure?

8 CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Anyone--just talking  
10 to Matt about people on the outside and drug  
11 trafficking?

12 CO PALMER: No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Positive?

14 CO PALMER: Yes, I am.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're doing great. You did  
16 say it, so I'm proud of you.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Would you be  
18 surprised if I told you [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would you?

20 CO PALMER: With staff or inmates?

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Both. Mostly  
22 inmates. Mostly Matt. Well, not now, 'cause  
23 Matt's gone, but up to the point he escaped.

24 CO PALMER: Would it surprise me?

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes.

1 CO PALMER: I wouldn't--no, it wouldn't  
2 surprise me of any inmate.

3 [REDACTED] Okay. Did you have any  
4 knowledge though?

5 CO PALMER: No.

6 [REDACTED] The difference between  
7 knowledge and did it surprise you?

8 CO PALMER: No, he never spoke about that to  
9 me.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Never spoke about it  
11 to you?

12 CO PALMER: No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Something I want to  
14 get back to, okay. I used the word, it was the  
15 wrong word, coerce. You know what coerce is?

16 CO PALMER: Yes. You help somebody out.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Hmm-mm.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Hmm-mm.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You threaten somebody.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Coerce is a polite  
21 way of saying that--oh, I'm sorry.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, no, go ahead.

24 [Crosstalk]

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, no, no, you're

1 his attorney. Explain it to him.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So coerce would be, like, if  
3 somebody had dirt on you or they were going to  
4 threaten harm to get you to do something that  
5 you didn't, you wouldn't normally do.

6 CO PALMER: Okay. I understand the  
7 definition.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right.

9 CO PALMER: Your question?

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, let's just set  
11 it in context here. Okay. Saturday we talked  
12 about you, okay, over the course of the years  
13 supplying paint for Matt, doing favors for Matt.  
14 Matt's giving you information.

15 CO PALMER: Yes.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Keeping the  
17 peace.

18 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Doing favors  
20 for Sweat, because at the request of Matt and  
21 other inmates at the request of Matt. Remember  
22 that?

23 CO PALMER: Yes.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. After you do  
25 those favors, which break protocol, protocol

1       which can turn your job, right?  Are we all,  
2       all on agreement on that?

3           CO PALMER:  Yes.

4           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   He's in a position  
5       to coerce or frame you.

6           CO PALMER:  Okay.

7           [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   He's in a position  
8       to say, you know, CO--what did he used to call  
9       you, by the way?  How would he refer to you?

10          CO PALMER:  Palmer.

11          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Boss?  Palmer?

12          CO PALMER:  Yeah.

13          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   He called you  
14       Palmer?

15          CO PALMER:  Yeah.

16          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   He'd just be, like,  
17       Palmer?

18          CO PALMER:  Yeah.

19          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   Wow, that's unusual.

20          CO PALMER:  Or Mr. P.  No, he didn't--

21          [REDACTED]   [REDACTED]   [Interposing] Well,  
22       Mr. P. is different, but that's usually, Palmer  
23       is usually, like, you're lower than him.  That's  
24       usually, like, for instance when my lieutenant  
25       wants to speak to me, you know, he goes

1       ██████████. He's not happy with me. Get over  
2 here. I don't speak to him and go ██████████, get  
3 over here. You know. And I'm sure if he did  
4 he'd, you know, come running and hopping,  
5 because I'm a pretty big guy. Just joking and  
6 trying to get a laugh. Not funny, huh? Were  
7 you ever coerced? Were you ever put yourself in  
8 a position where he actually turned around and  
9 said, you know what, you know what, I asked you  
10 Mr. P. to do it and now I'm telling you to do  
11 it, because the stuff you've done for me--

12           CO PALMER: [Interposing] Oh, no, he never  
13 said that.

14       ██████████ ██████████ He's going to put  
15 you in a position.

16           CO PALMER: No, he never said that.

17       ██████████ ██████████ Now, not those exact  
18 words. In a manner, has he ever basically  
19 blackmailed you into doing anything?

20           CO PALMER: No. No, he never did.

21       ██████████ ██████████ What about Sweat?

22           CO PALMER: No. He never did, he never  
23 spoke very much to me.

24       ██████████ ██████████ Anybody?

25           CO PALMER: No.



1 [REDACTED]: Then how come a  
2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] right under  
3 your nose without your knowledge? I mean, I'm  
4 trying to give you a way out. Coercion is an  
5 affirmative defense. I'm trying to give you  
6 some way out. I just can't believe that you  
7 would not. We're getting intel and we're not  
8 going to get into what we know about what's  
9 going on in A Block, because we can't. It's  
10 better you don't know at this point.

11 CO PALMER: Yes.

12 [REDACTED]: You can agree on  
13 that?

14 [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm. And it might be--

15 [REDACTED]: [Interposing] It's  
16 better you don't--

17 [REDACTED]: --you might ask him to talk  
18 to him again.

19 [REDACTED]: Okay. Well, but  
20 think about this, I, I, we have a major problem.

21 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

22 [REDACTED]: You take a lot of  
23 pride in that block, okay, or you're very  
24 attentive to that block. At this point, okay,  
25 if you're being coerced, are you oblivious? How

1 do you not know what's going on?

2 CO PALMER: I never saw any drug trade in  
3 the block with the staff or inmates.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You had more senses  
5 than, than visual. Okay. You have smell. You  
6 have hearing. You have ears. People are  
7 talking to you. One of the reasons is you do  
8 all these favors is why?

9 CO PALMER: For information.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm telling you  
11 there's a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're  
12 doing favors, so you can get information about  
13 what? Your block.

14 CO PALMER: Yes.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So either I'm  
16 totally misinformed, which in a past on some  
17 things I have been, okay, but not this  
18 investigation. He's not misinformed. I'm not  
19 misinformed. Okay. The hundreds of interviews  
20 done, past, present, staff, inmates. Okay. I'm  
21 not misinforming me. Now, you are basically  
22 paying for this information, okay. Or you're  
23 doing it, you're doing favors to get information  
24 and keep peace on the block and I'm telling you  
25 there's a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and you're telling

1 me you have no idea.

2 CO PALMER: I wasn't aware of it if there  
3 is.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Well, you need to  
5 get your money back then. You need to get your  
6 favors back.

7 CO PALMER: Okay.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Don't tell me okay.  
9 How could you not know? That's all I, I want.  
10 I'm not going to press him anymore. How could  
11 you not know?

12 CO PALMER: I didn't know.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Gene, is that the truth?  
14 Tell the truth.

15 CO PALMER: That is the truth.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's important. I  
17 would like for you to talk, 'cause it seems like  
18 every time you calm him down when I hit him with  
19 something heavy.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This is his time,  
24 this is a real good time to--

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I was going to.

1 I'm not going to help you guys get, to get in  
2 his face in this matter. If he doesn't believe-  
3 -

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Not to  
5 incriminate him.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, I know. You want him to  
7 tell the truth, but--yeah.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We want, we want  
9 truth and--

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] I mean, you've  
11 got the search warrant on his house and the  
12 drugs now.

13 CO PALMER: I--

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Where were they  
15 found? Can I talk to him a second?

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Thank you.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We're trying to get  
19 information on people that have--

20 CO PALMER: [Interposing] I know. But this  
21 is--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] All  
23 right. And every time we try to get somebody  
24 else, he needs to be calmed down and explained  
25 to.

1           ██████████ Hold on.

2           [OFF THE RECORD]

3           [ON THE RECORD]

4           ██████████ ██████████ --see.

5           ██████████ ██████████ Yeah.

6           ██████████ ██████████ You work--

7           ██████████ ██████████ [Interposing] Going to be

8 honest--

9           [OFF THE RECORD]

10          [ON THE RECORD]

11          ██████████ ██████████ He's willing to take a lie

12 detector test on whether or not he knew about

13 ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ if that's what you guys

14 want.

15          ██████████ ██████████ No need.

16          ██████████ ██████████ Okay.

17          ██████████ ██████████ No need.

18          [Crosstalk]

19          ██████████ ██████████ That just shows you how

20 serious he is about that.

21          ██████████ ██████████ I've got it. I'm

22 just saying--

23          ██████████ ██████████ [Interposing] I grilled him

24 in here.

25          ██████████ ██████████ --the question--and

1 I appreciate that. The question we were  
2 asking--

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yes.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --was for his  
5 benefit.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not his--okay.

8 Which was for your benefit. If it wasn't to  
9 rope you in or anything. Okay. There is

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
11 and if you knew about it, okay, that could be to  
12 your benefit.

13 CO PALMER: Which I didn't. This surprises  
14 me.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And, and  
16 that's fine. That's fine. That's fine.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You guys don't want him to  
18 get hooked up?

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Excuse me?

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You don't want him to get  
21 hooked up and take a--I'm telling you that--

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] With  
23 somebody? What, what are you talking about?

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. With the lie detector  
25 test.

1           ██████████ ██████████ No, no, no.

2           ████ ██████████ You can do that.

3           ██████████ ██████████ No, no, no, no.

4           ████ ██████████ He's that serious about not  
5 knowing about it.

6           CO PALMER: You don't believe me?

7           ██████████ ██████████ What?

8           CO PALMER: You, when you look me in the  
9 eyes, do you believe me about that?

10          ██████████ ██████████ Well, I don't know.  
11 You're staring me down. It's kind of crazy.

12          CO PALMER: Okay. Let me look at you.

13          ████ ██████████ I believe you said you never  
14 looked--

15          ████ ██████████ [Interposing] He said he  
16 swore on his dying--

17          CO PALMER: [Interposing] Yes.

18          ████ ██████████ Partially. I'm not sure yet.

19          CO PALMER: Okay. Keep asking more--

20          ████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████

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24          CO PALMER: [Interposing] I'm not offended  
25 by that.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. No, I  
2 believe it was corroborated. That's usually how  
3 that happens. You get information, you get  
4 other information, that's true, we get more  
5 information. That's true, that's generally how  
6 it operates.

7           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He, he wouldn't be surprised.  
8 He doesn't have knowledge, but he would be  
9 surprised if [REDACTED] was involved. That's the  
10 one.

11           CO PALMER: It would surprise the hell out  
12 of me. Big time. Big time. Because I'm close  
13 with that guy. I mean, every day at 1 o'clock I  
14 go spend an hour with him--

15           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Yeah.

16           CO PALMER: --in the, in the shop, in the  
17 law library and then we go home, 'cause I have  
18 my routine that I have to do. My patrolling  
19 that I have to do in the shop.

20           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is he ever left alone when  
21 you're patrolling?

22           CO PALMER: Is [REDACTED] ever left alone?

23           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah. I mean--

24           CO PALMER: [Interposing] Well, yes. 'Cause  
25 I, 'cause he has his thing he's got to do and



1 I've got my chores that I've got to do.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is he the only guard on the A  
3 Block at any time?

4 CO PALMER: No. There's, on weekends,  
5 there's--on the weekends the total officers in  
6 the block are one, two, three, four, five, six.  
7 I believe six officers on the weekends that are  
8 in there. This surprises me here what he,  
9 people are talking about. That brings  
10 disappointment to me.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. You  
12 have, we have come across certain information  
13 that there is a particular CO, okay, on A Block  
14 during nights that doesn't do his rounds and  
15 that's when the prisoners like to conduct their  
16 illicit activity.

17 CO PALMER: Okay.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay?

19 CO PALMER: Mm-hmm.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who is that?

21 CO PALMER: You've got two officers that  
22 work midnights. That would be [REDACTED] and  
23 that would be, I think, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at that  
24 and then the second officer's name is--

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Can we

1 all agree on one thing that I'm getting old?  
2 We're all getting older and I'm going deaf.  
3 Could you please just speak up a little? I love  
4 you, but speak up.

5 CO PALMER: [REDACTED] that would be--

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]?

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And who else?

13 CO PALMER: That would be the second man.

14 What the hell is his last name?

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What's his first name?

16 CO PALMER: I don't know his first name. I

17 don't remember his first name. I see him every

18 day in he morning when he goes home. He's the

19 second officer on the block, whatever their

20 file. And maybe I can confirm it if you said

21 his name. I'm trying to think here.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do they usually work  
23 together?

24 CO PALMER: Those two do.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. And they're

1 known for not doing their--

2 CO PALMER: [Interposing] Oh, I don't know  
3 about that, 'cause I'm not there. So I'm not  
4 sure what they do.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, and what shift  
6 do they do?

7 CO PALMER: They work 11:00 to 7:00.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Weeks, weekends?

9 CO PALMER: At least they're--they, they  
10 have--

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing]  
12 Rotating?

13 CO PALMER: Yes.

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. You know  
15 Blair?

16 CO PALMER: That's it. Blair.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What was their  
18 relationship?

19 CO PALMER: The two of them?

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] With Matt and Sweat.

21 CO PALMER: Oh, I don't know. Because the  
22 convicts walked in, so I don't know.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Can you think of anything you  
24 might have heard?

25 CO PALMER: No. They didn't--

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: [Interposing] Do  
2 you guys ever sit down--I'm really just asking.  
3 Do you ever sit down in between shifts or if  
4 you've got to work a double you get a half an  
5 hour break. Whatever the case. Do you ever sit  
6 down in, like, the cafeteria, lunch hall, talk,  
7 bullshit, go outside, smoke cigarettes CO to CO?

8 CO PALMER: We'd sit on the porch and--

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Okay.

10 CO PALMER: --we'd have a smoke and a  
11 cigarette.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. You  
13 don't learn anything about [REDACTED] or, or  
14 Blair?

15 CO PALMER: No. Because what would happen  
16 is when--

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No.  
18 But I mean all these 7 years you've never had  
19 any, nobody's ever talked about them?

20 CO PALMER: No.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Gene, pause and think. He's  
22 not rushing you.

23 CO PALMER: No. I'm, I'm thinking clearly.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm cutting you off,  
25 'cause you keep saying no right away before I

1 finish my question.

2 [REDACTED] Yeah. Let him finish and  
3 take a second and think about it. You do better  
4 when you think.

5 CO PALMER: Okay. Go ahead.

6 [REDACTED] Now, do you, do you ever hear  
7 anything about or remember anything at all from  
8 any of the other CO's about not doing their job  
9 or about fucking off or anything? Anything.

10 [REDACTED] Or close  
11 relationships not just with Matt or Sweat or any  
12 other inmates?

13 [REDACTED] Paint.

14 CO PALMER: Being lazy.

15 [REDACTED] Lazy?

16 CO PALMER: I think--

17 [REDACTED] [Interposing] You  
18 hear they're lazy, okay. All right. Well,  
19 that's all we're talking about.

20 [REDACTED] Take your time, man.

21 [REDACTED] Did there, anybody--  
22 and I'm not asking for names of who. But has--  
23 see, I've got a real problem with that. Has  
24 anybody expanded on lazy and said, told you why  
25 they're lazy? Anybody ever say, oh, they're

1 lazy bastards. The other night--

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] Listens.

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The other night they  
4 did or didn't do this. That's why they're lazy.

5 CO PALMER: Possibly making the rounds.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not making rounds?

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What do you mean by possibly?

8 CO PALMER: Possibly because I'm not there,  
9 so I don't--

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [Interposing] No. But have you  
11 heard that? Not, not whether--

12 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How did you come to  
14 that conclusion?

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Has anyone told you they  
16 don't do their rounds?

17 CO PALMER: No.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Then why did you just say  
19 that then?

20 CO PALMER: I've heard--well, that's how  
21 the, the shift is, the night shift is.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So who tells you that? You  
23 don't need to name names right now, but have you  
24 heard it from any guards or anyone that works  
25 with them that they're lazy?

1 CO PALMER: No, because that's, that 7:00  
2 to 3:00 shift we weren't there, we're never  
3 there when they do their job.

4 [REDACTED] Well, how did you hear they  
5 were lazy? From who?

6 CO PALMER: Convicts. That's how I knew  
7 that.

8 [REDACTED] And what did the  
9 convicts tell you?

10 CO PALMER: That they didn't make their  
11 rounds.

12 [REDACTED] Okay.

13 CO PALMER: And that's how I--

14 [REDACTED] [Interposing] When did they  
15 tell you that?

16 [REDACTED] Who told you that?  
17 Did Matt say that?

18 CO PALMER: Well--

19 [REDACTED] [Interposing] He doesn't  
20 sound--you're helping them.

21 CO PALMER: I have to think who told me  
22 that.

23 [REDACTED] You only have so  
24 many convicts. Did Matt tell you? Did Sweat  
25 tell you? Was it another inmate?

1 CO PALMER: I can't recall which inmate  
2 had.

3 [REDACTED] Was it recent?

4 [REDACTED] Recent, old,  
5 continuous?

6 CO PALMER: Yes, it was recent. It was  
7 after the, the break out. But I don't remember  
8 which convict had told me that that they weren't  
9 making their rounds.

10 [REDACTED] Can you picture him? What  
11 did he look like? Do you remember the  
12 conversation?

13 [REDACTED] What cell he was in?

14 CO PALMER: No.

15 [REDACTED] Where did he tell you this?

16 CO PALMER: On the gallery.

17 [REDACTED] What did he look like? Was  
18 he African American? Was he white? Was he  
19 Indian? Was he--you trust me, right. Listen to  
20 me.

21 CO PALMER: I trust you. Yes, I do trust  
22 you.

23 [REDACTED] Do you remember anything  
24 about what he looked like?

25 CO PALMER: No, I don't. I'd have to think



1 about that, because one guy dis specifically  
2 tell me that that they weren't making their  
3 rounds. Who the hell said that to me?

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What are they doing?  
5 What, are they sleeping? Are they--

6 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No. He didn't say  
7 that. Whoever he is. I've got to recall that.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was it [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

9 CO PALMER: No.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was it [REDACTED] [REDACTED] guy?

11 CO PALMER: It wouldn't be Matt or Sweat,  
12 because they were gone. No. [REDACTED] was all ready  
13 voted out of the block. I just can't recall  
14 which convict that told me that. I don't  
15 recall.

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And you're not just saying  
17 that, because you're trying to protect an  
18 inmate?

19 CO PALMER: No. No, I'm not.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right. You have anything  
21 else?

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. Well, one thing  
23 real quick and that's it. Meat. This  
24 hamburger.

25 CO PALMER: Yes.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How many times  
2 did you bring it in?

3           CO PALMER: Oh, that piece of steak for my  
4 lunch?

5           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No, no, no, no. How  
6 many times did you bring in chopped meat,  
7 hamburger meat, whatever you want to call it,  
8 remember, remember the time we discussed when it  
9 was frozen?

10          CO PALMER: Yes.

11          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] How many other times  
12 did you do that?

13          CO PALMER: I did it just that one time.

14          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You're absolutely  
15 positive? You never gave chopped meat to Matt  
16 except that one time? I'm not talking about a  
17 piece of your hamburger. I'm talking about the  
18 livid wrapped chopped meat from Mitchell.

19          CO PALMER: Yeah. That piece of meat from  
20 her just that one time.

21          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Just that one time?

22          CO PALMER: Oh, yeah. Just that one time.

23          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Were there any other  
24 types of meats, any, any other--was there any  
25 other types of food that, that was packaged so

1 big that it could have had something secreted  
2 in it?

3 CO PALMER: No. No.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That you gave, took  
5 from Mitchell--

6 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No. Just the one  
7 time.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --in in some form or  
9 fashion where she left it for you and you picked  
10 it up the next day--

11 CO PALMER: [Interposing] No.

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --and you brought to  
13 Matt or Sweat?

14 CO PALMER: No.

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Just the one time?

16 CO PALMER: Just the one time.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Not a cake with a  
18 file in it? No?

19 CO PALMER: Oh, no.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Okay.

21 CO PALMER: This thing with the drug though,  
22 that throws me for a loop there.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's not really you.

24 CO PALMER: I'm surprised about that.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They know you're honest.

1           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Give us a minute.

2       We've got to make some phone calls. All right.

3           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You guys need a water? Need

4       more water?

5           CO PALMER: Am I being arrested?

6           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I don't know at this

7       point, okay. We'll conclude our investigation.

8           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

9           [REDACTED] [REDACTED] At that point, we'll  
10       conclude our interview, brief our boss.

11          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. But you're saying that  
12       we're not allowed to leave today or what?

13          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I just asked you to  
14       give us a couple of minutes. I, I'll get you  
15       water.

16          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right.

17          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That's' why I'm  
18       asking you. I mean, you don't have to. You can  
19       wait outside, but we're just asking you to give  
20       us a couple of minutes.

21          CO PALMER: I told the truth.

22          [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I know. We'll deal with it.

23       I don't know what's going to happen right now.

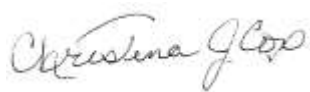
24       I don't think that you knew anything.

25               [END Plamer\_06-24-15\_Pt2]

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